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THE
**CIRQUE
DU
TOPEIL!**



FOR THE EVENT, I'D INVITED
MY RELATIVES, BUT I HADN'T
SEEN THEM GET HERE YET.

SKRITCH
SKRITCH

GERONIMO!



BUT I'M SO SCATTERBRAINED:
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED
MYSELF! MY NAME IS
STILTON, *Geronimo Stilton!*,
AND I EDIT THE RODENT'S
GAZETTE, THE MOST FAMOUSE
PAPER ON MOUSE ISLAND!

HERE
YOU ARE,
FINALLY!

AND THAT'S MY SISTER,
THEA, MY COUSIN, TRAP,
AND MY NEPHEW,
BENJAMIN, WITH HIS
FRIEND, BUGSY WUGSY.



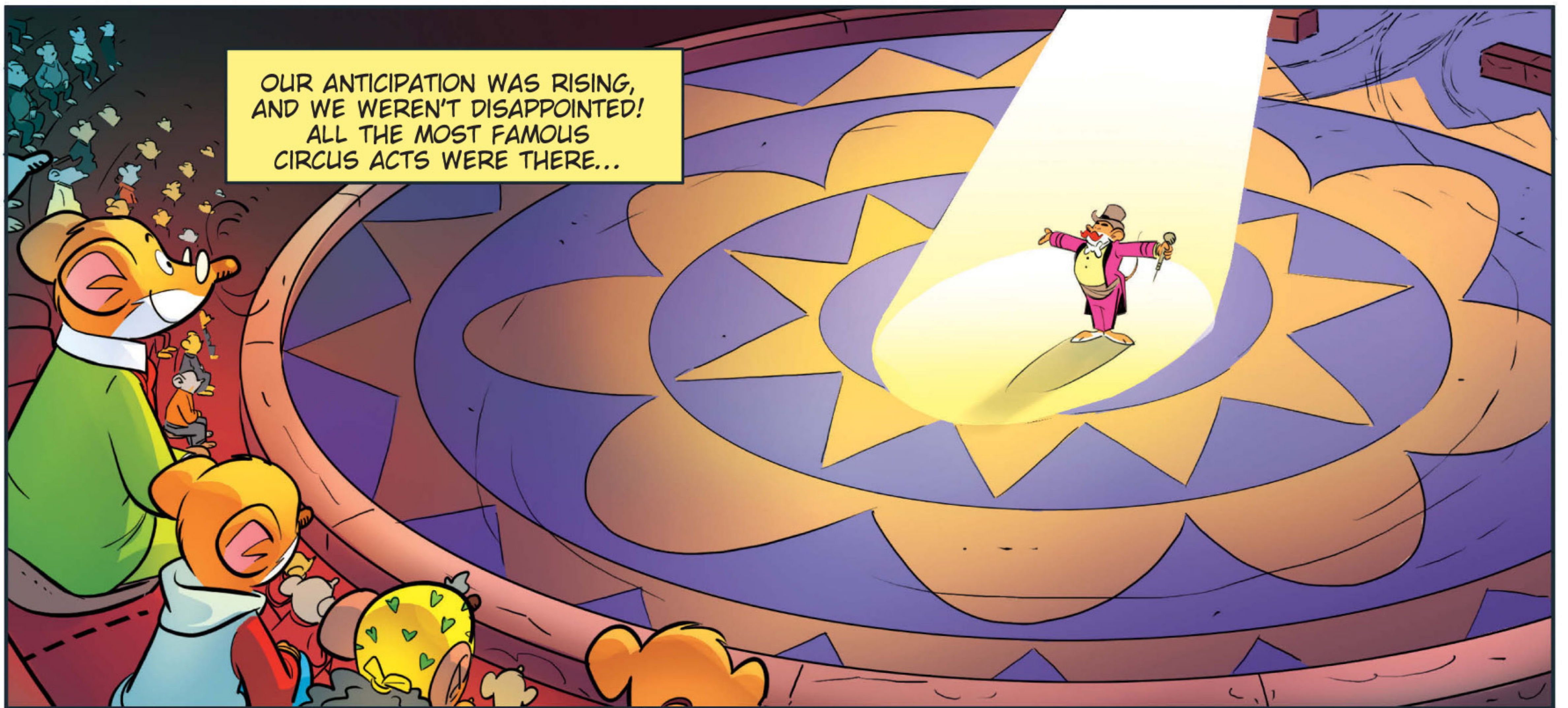
WE WERE ON TIME,
UNCLE, BUT TRAP
WANTED TO STOP AND
BUY SOME CANDIED
CHEESE...

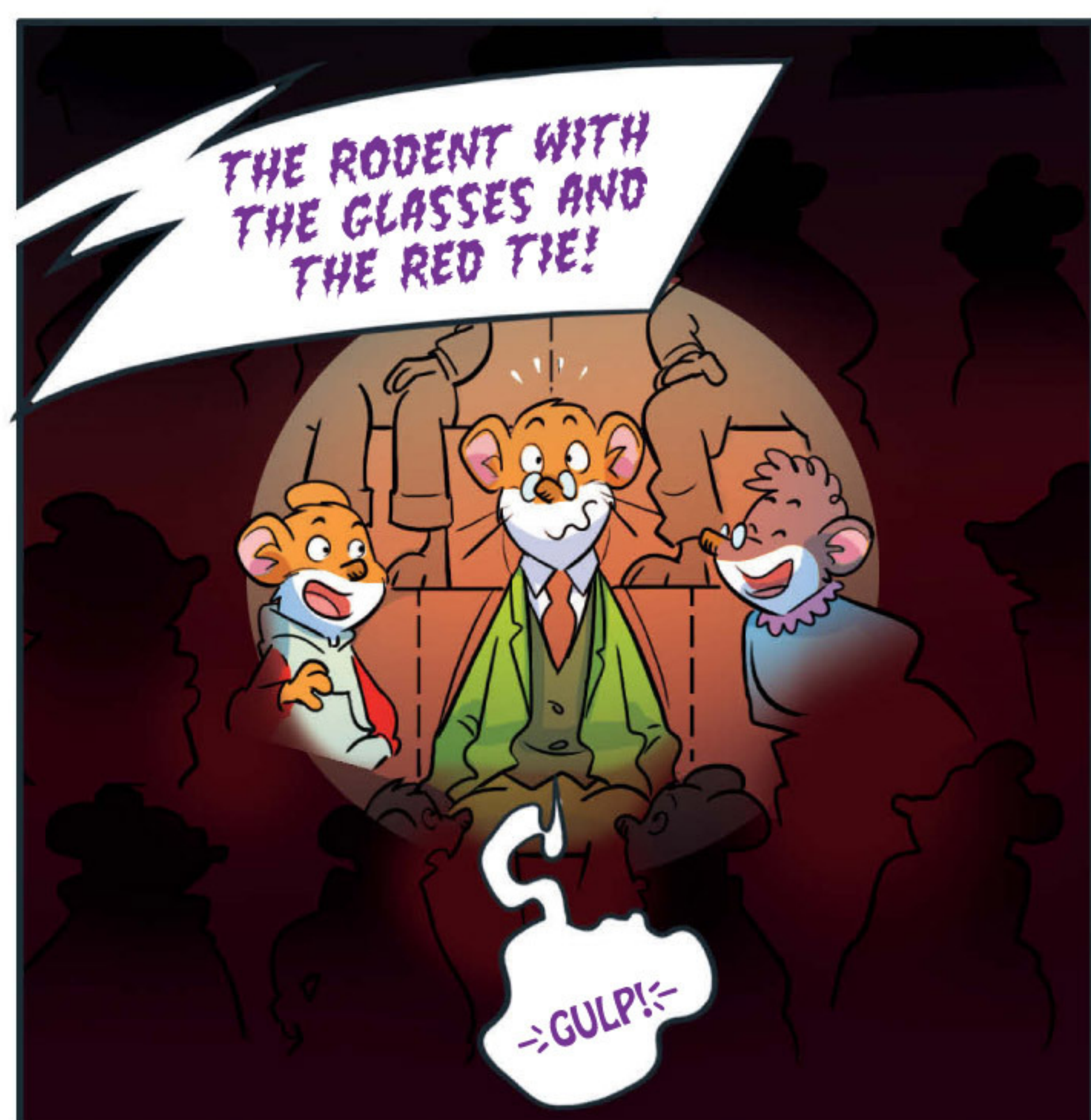
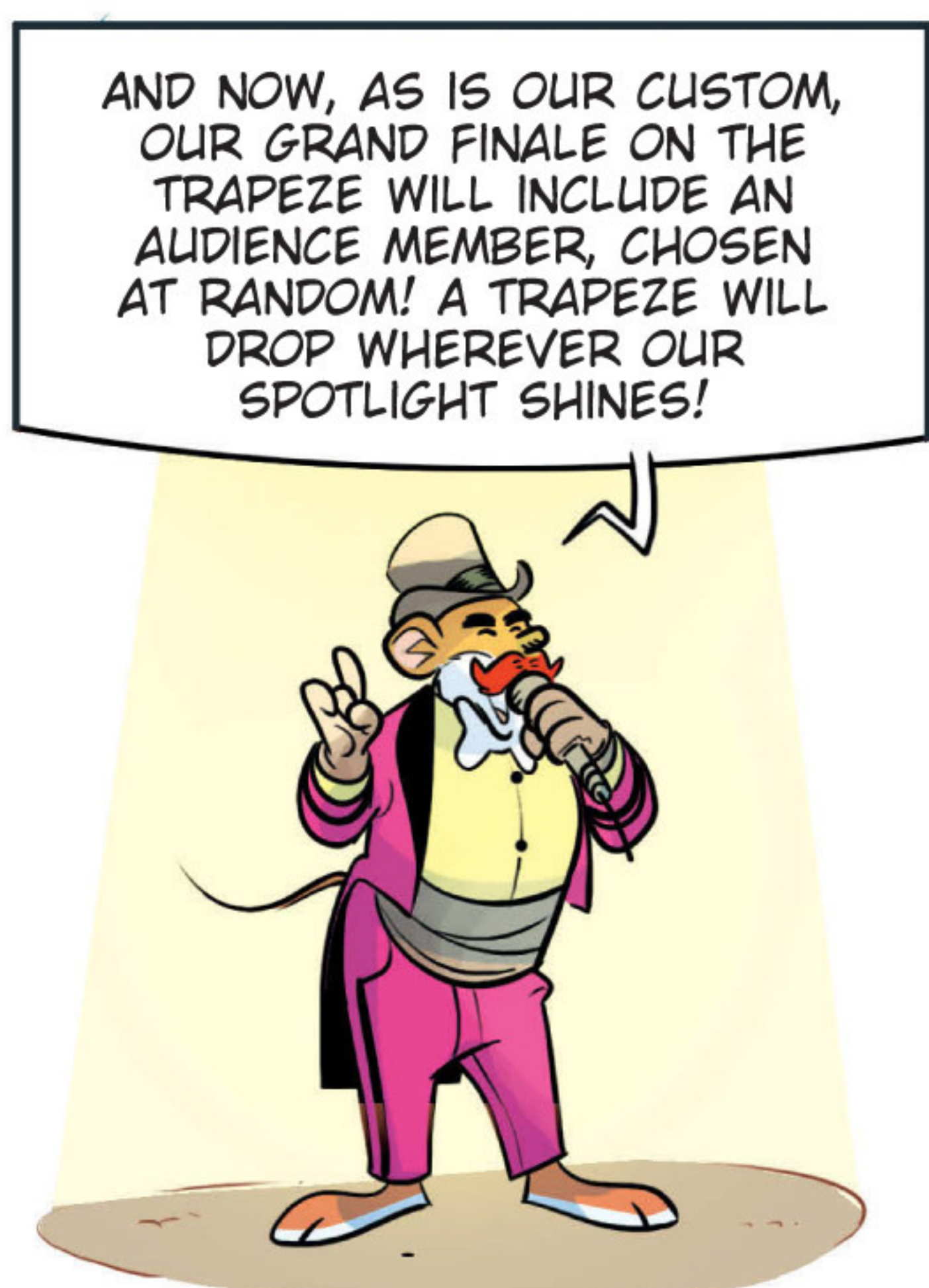
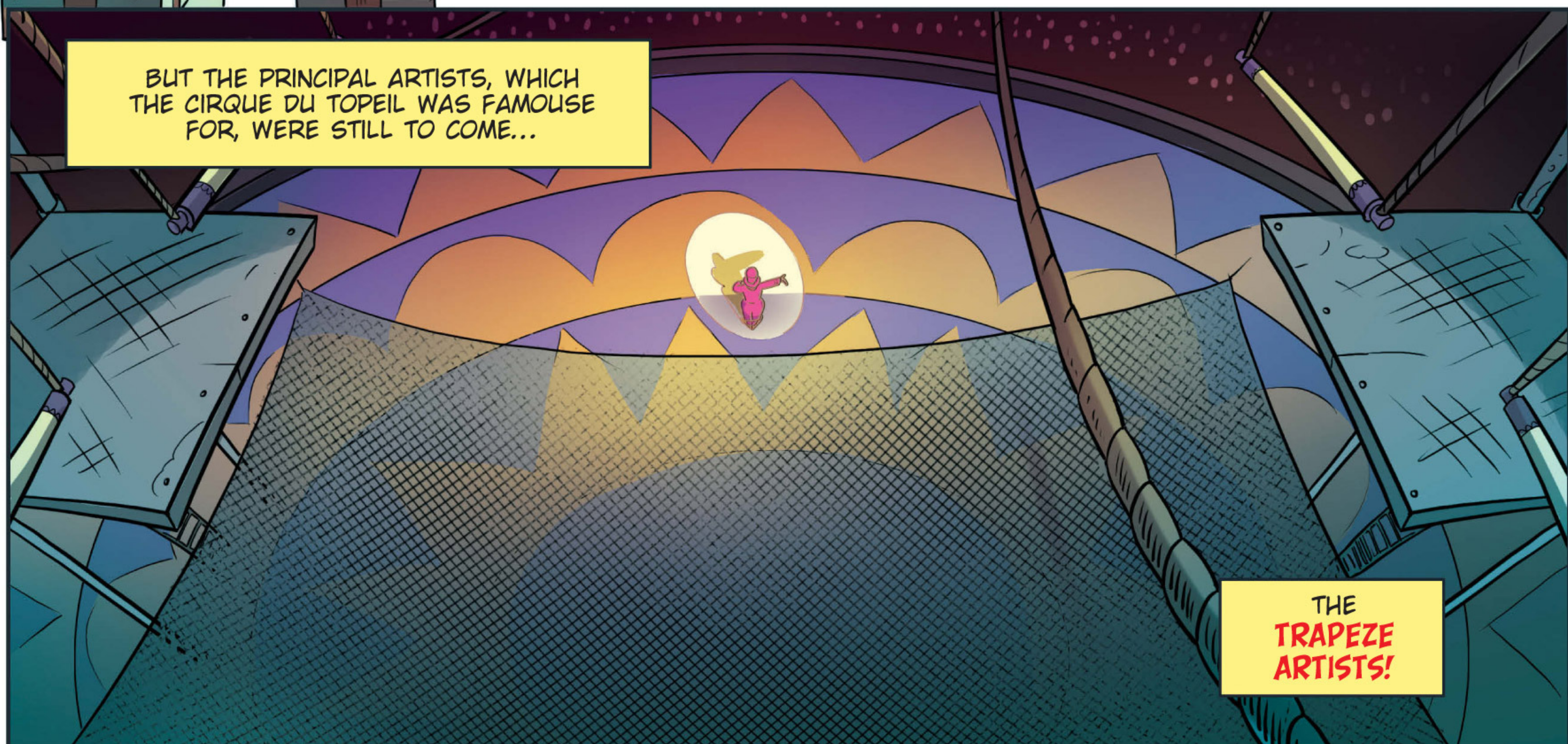
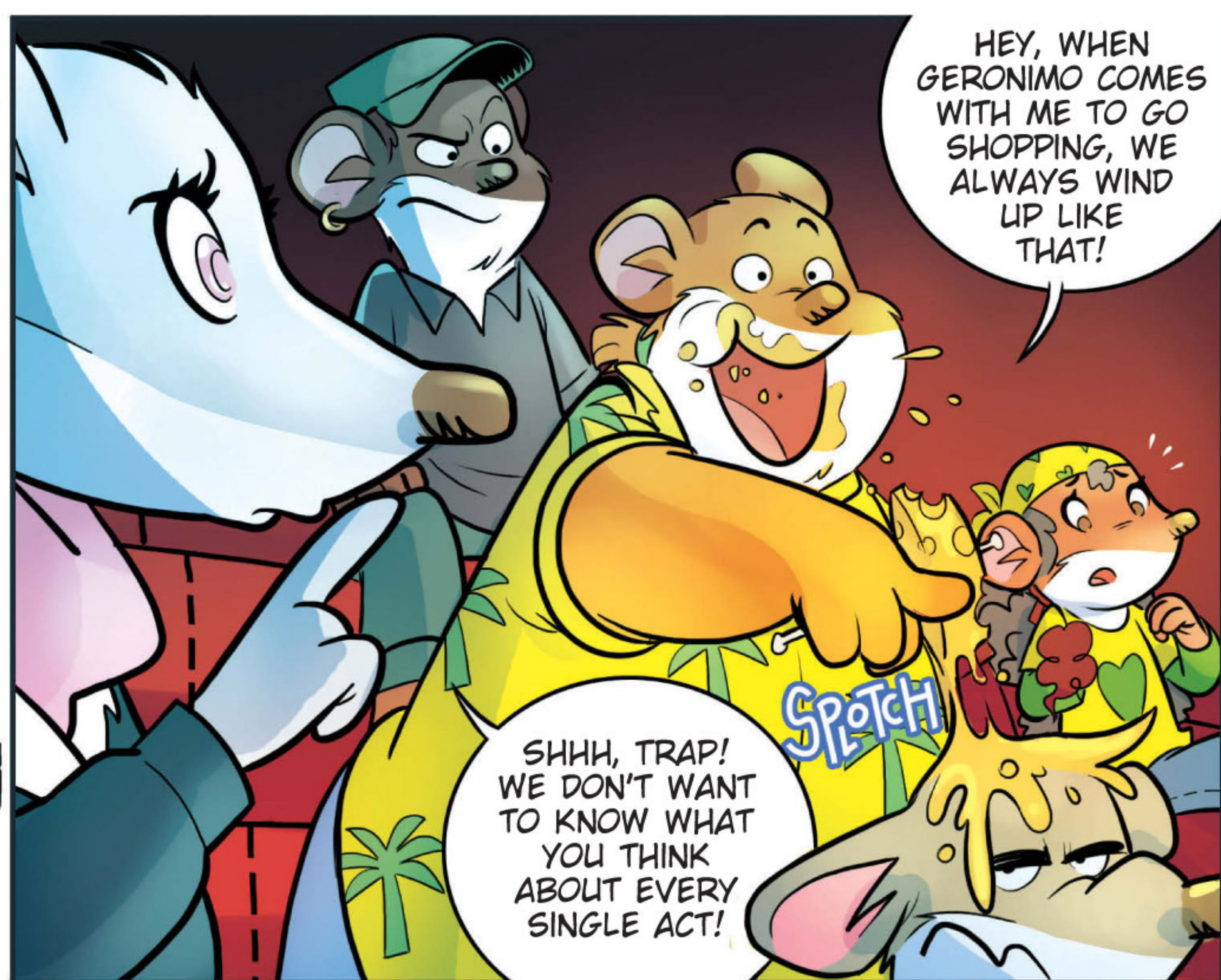
THERE WERE
DIFFERENT
FLAVORS. I HAD
TO TAKE MY
TIME CHOOSING.

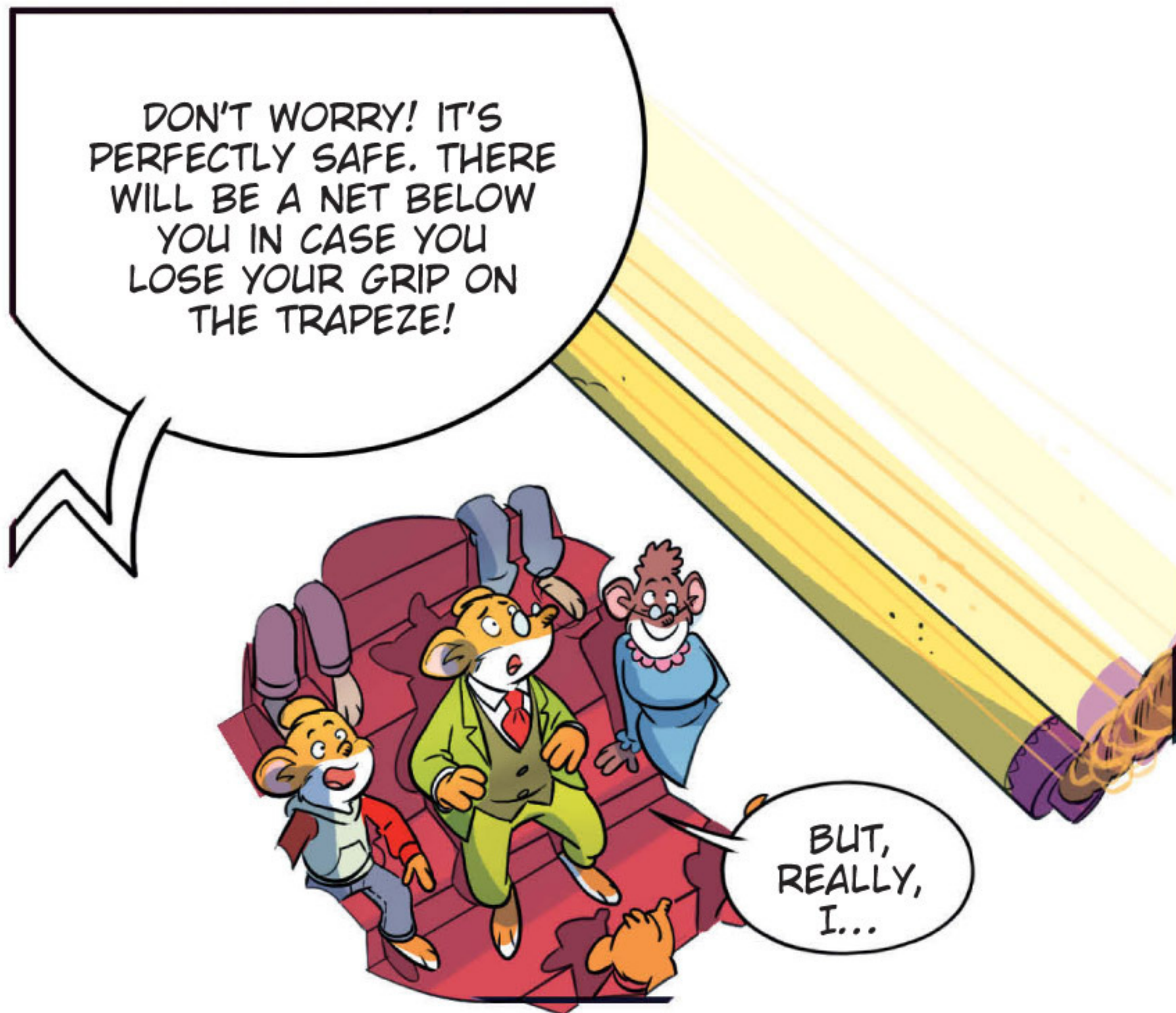


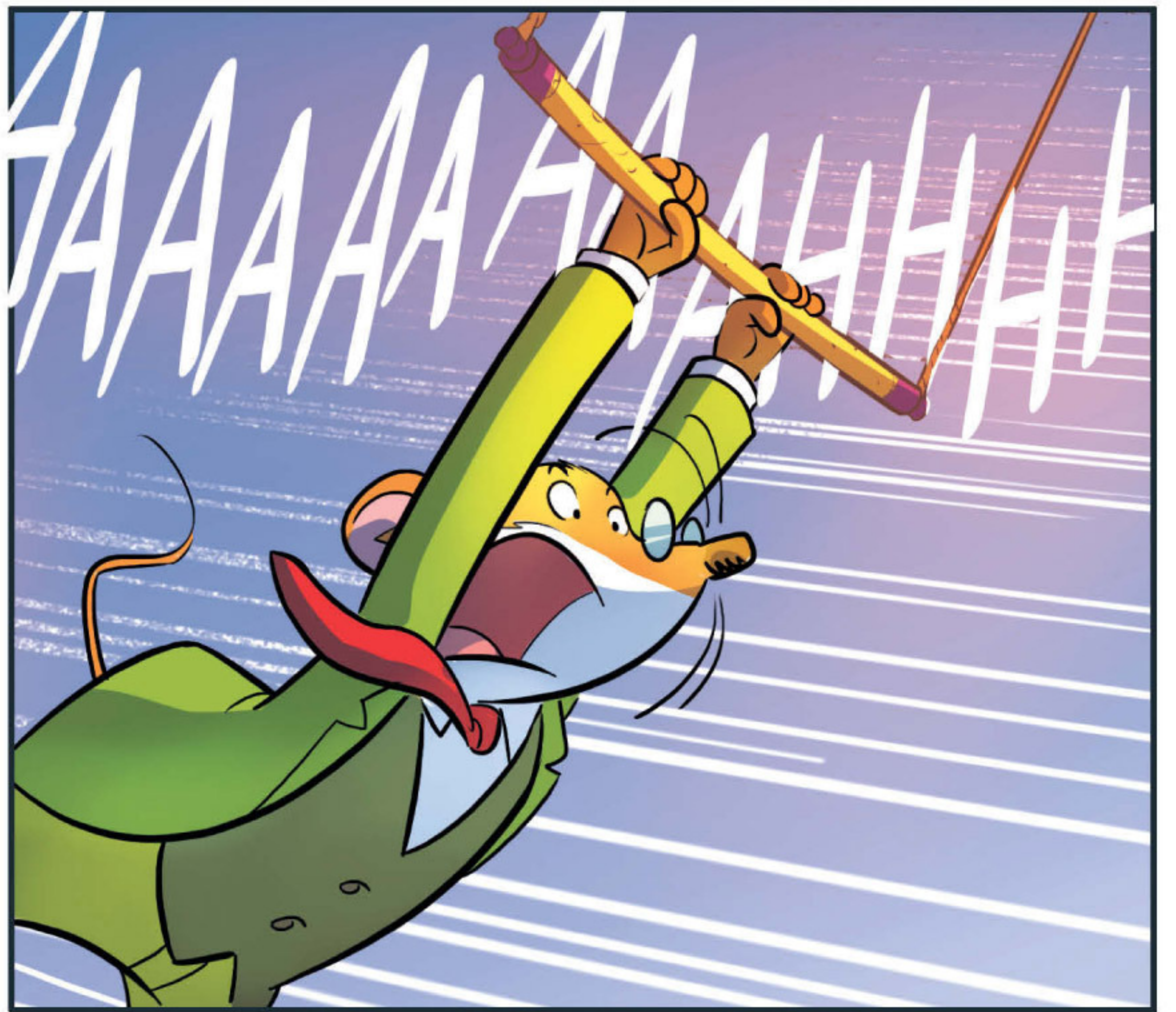
COME ON, THE
SHOW'S ABOUT
TO BEGIN!

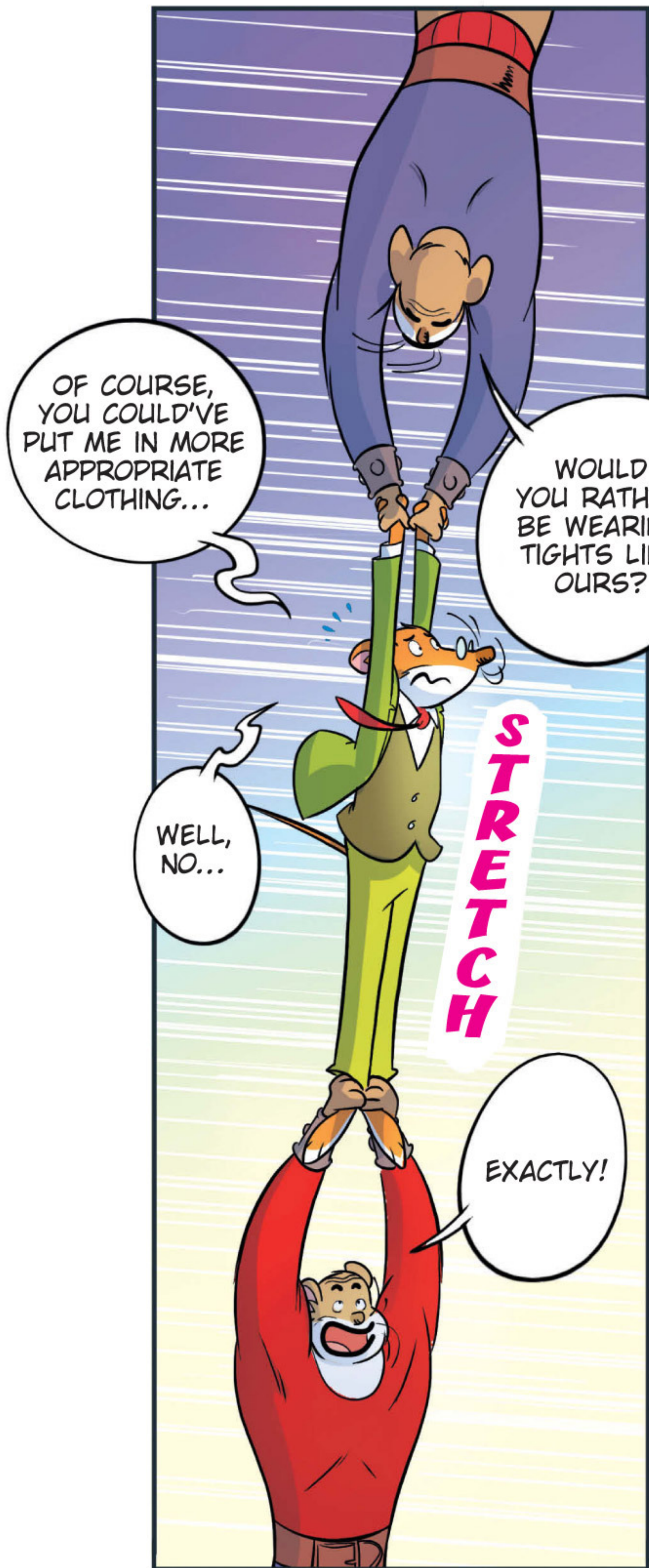
YOU DIDN'T TELL
US HOW YOU
GOT THESE
TICKETS!











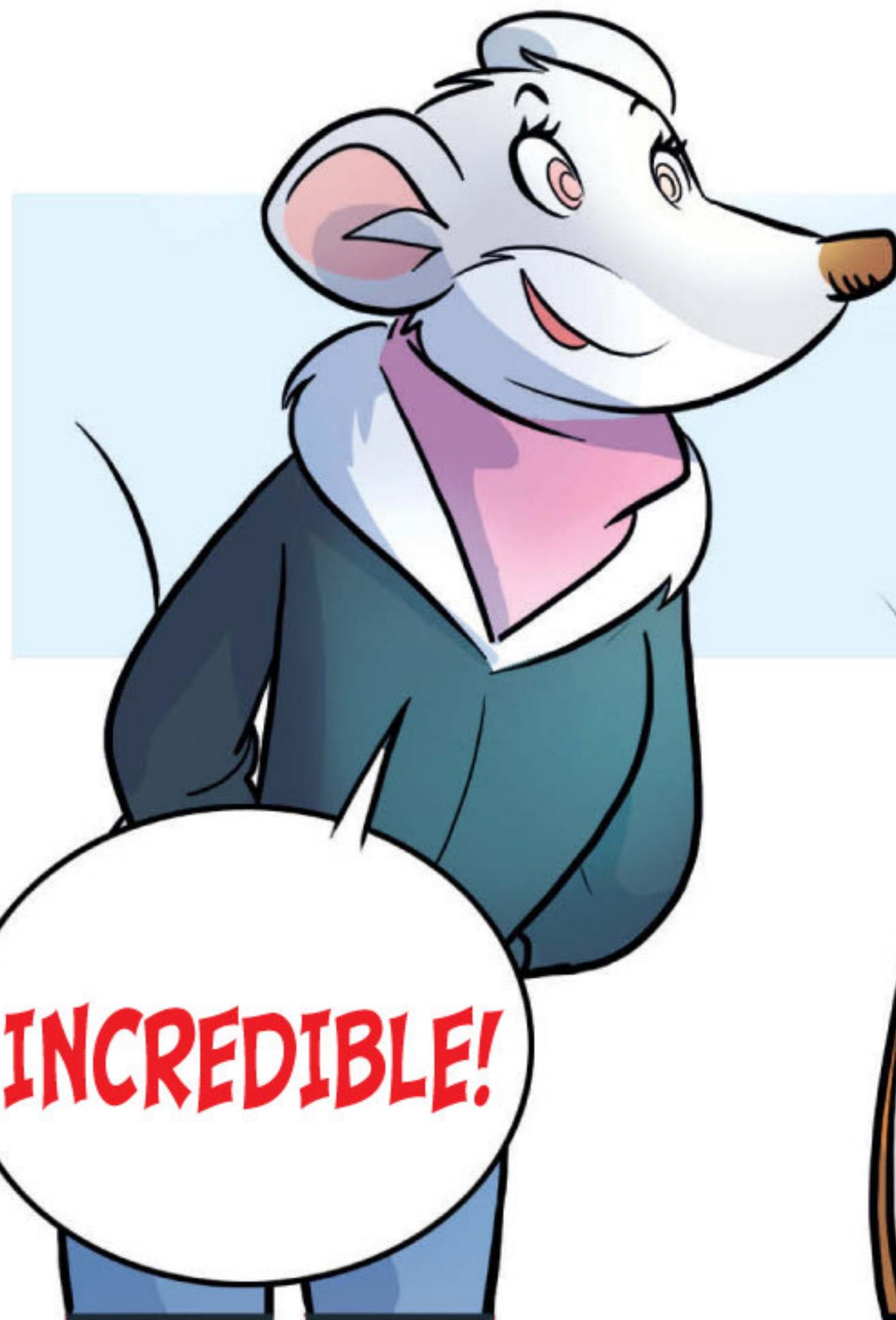
OF COURSE, YOU COULD'VE PUT ME IN MORE APPROPRIATE CLOTHING...

WOULD YOU RATHER BE WEARING TIGHTS LIKE OURS?

WELL, NO...

STRETCH

EXACTLY!



INCREIBLE!

I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED IT, BUT GERONIMO IS GOOD AT THIS.



AND NOW, THE GRAND FINALE! AS A TEST OF THE TWINKLETOE TWINS' PRECISION...



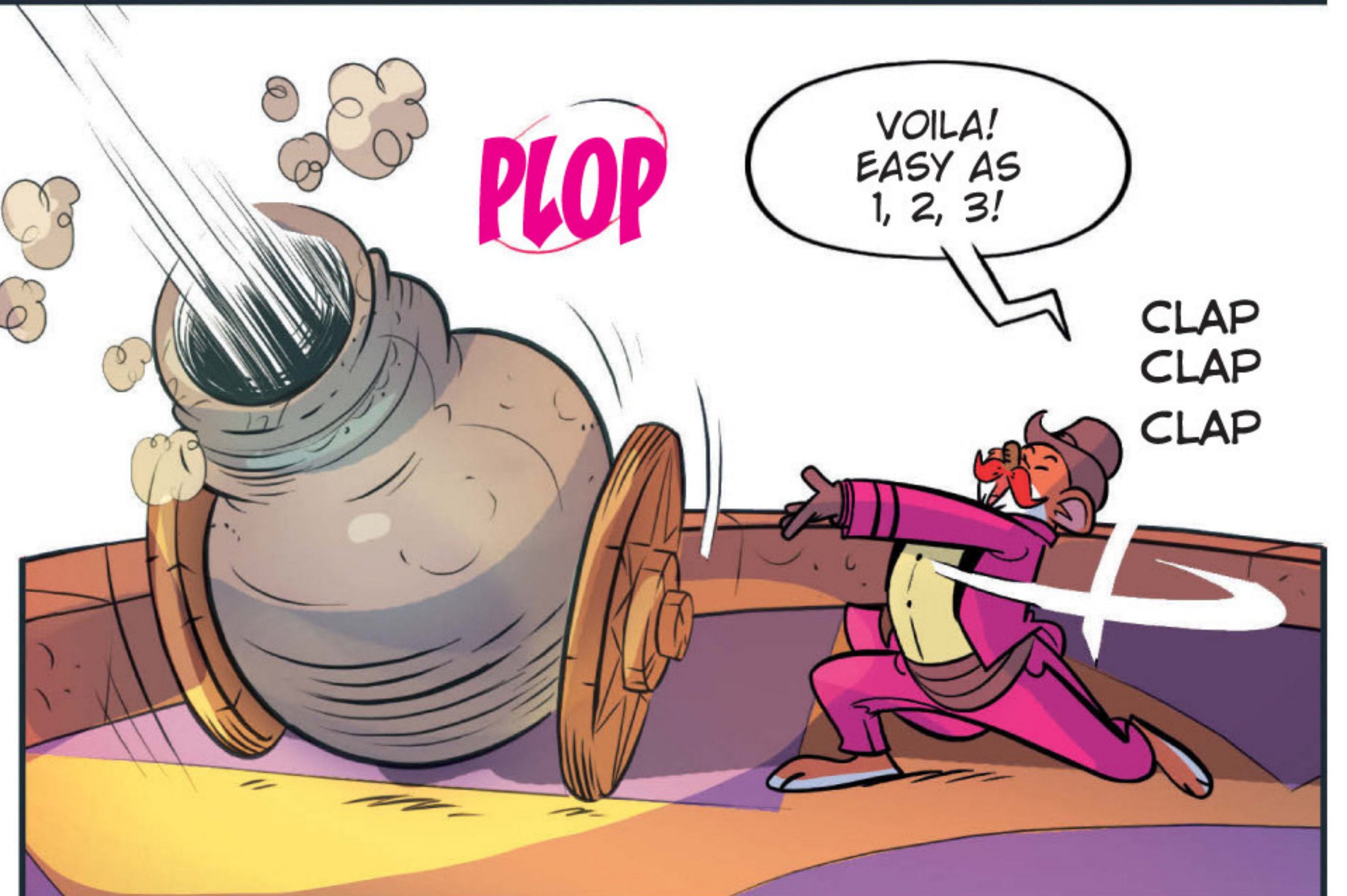
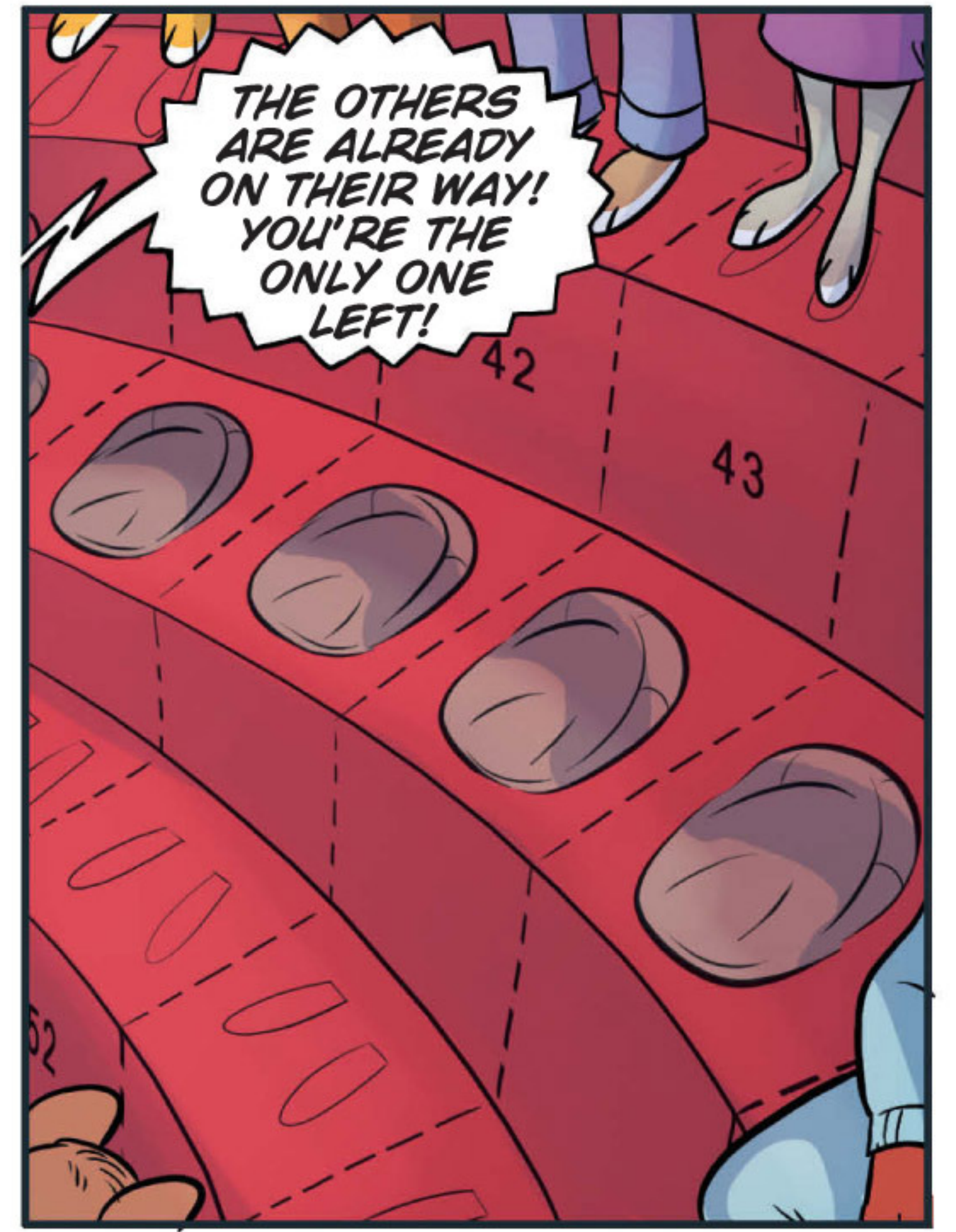
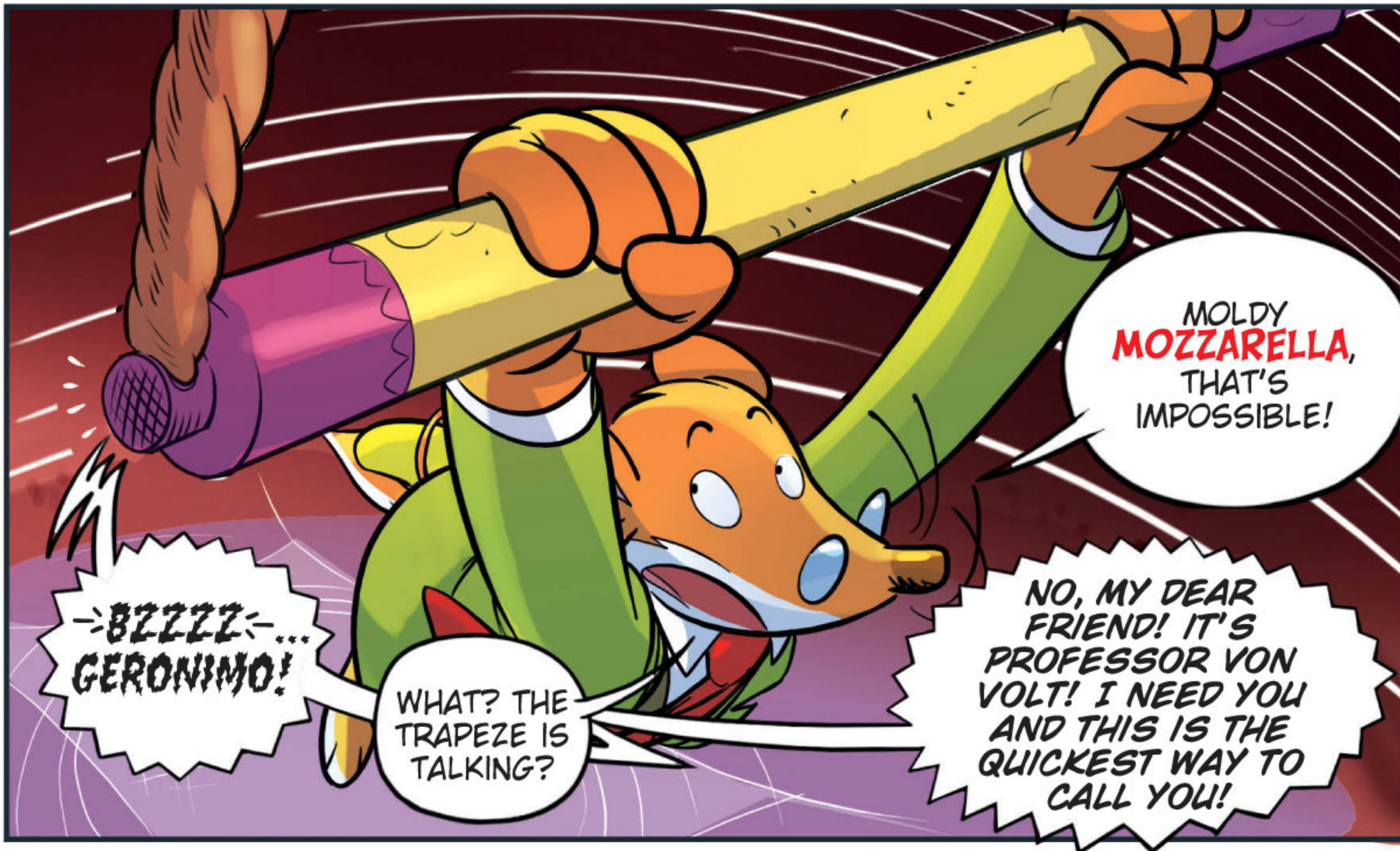
...THEY'RE GOING TO THROW OUR FRIEND RIGHT INTO THIS CANNON!

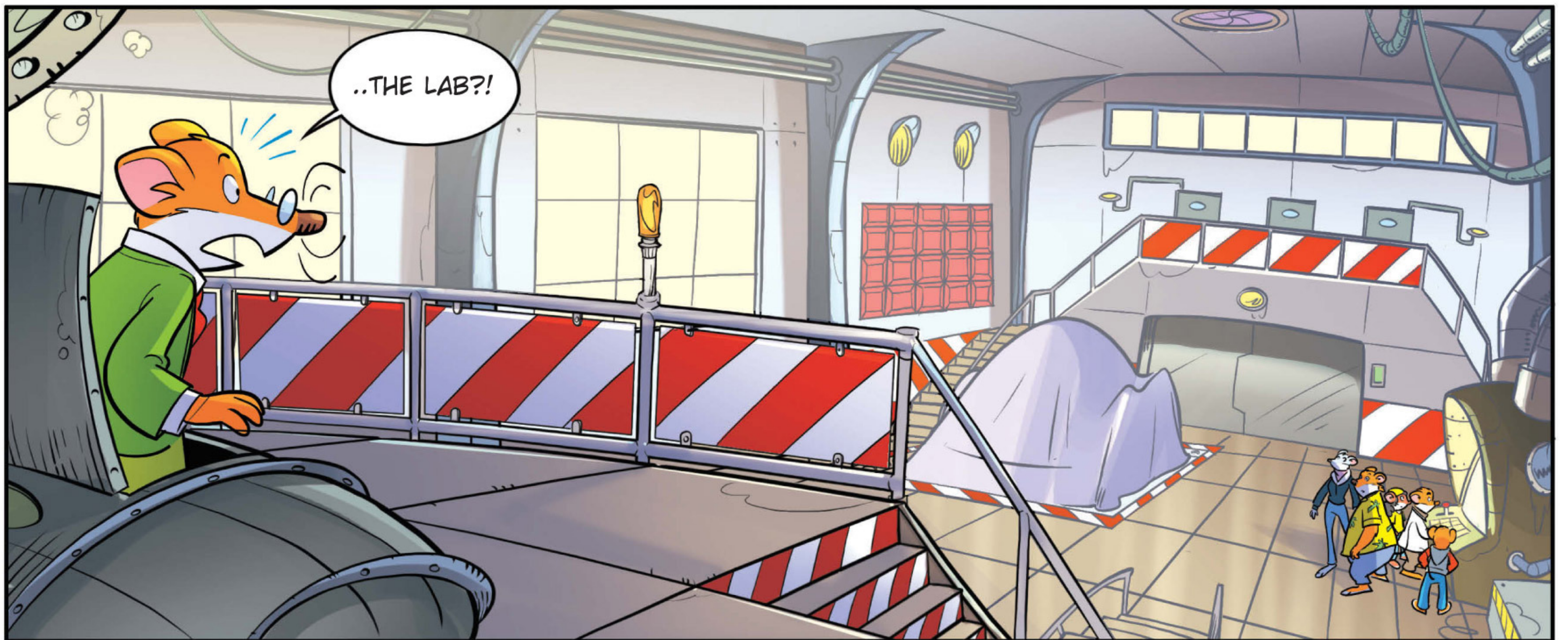


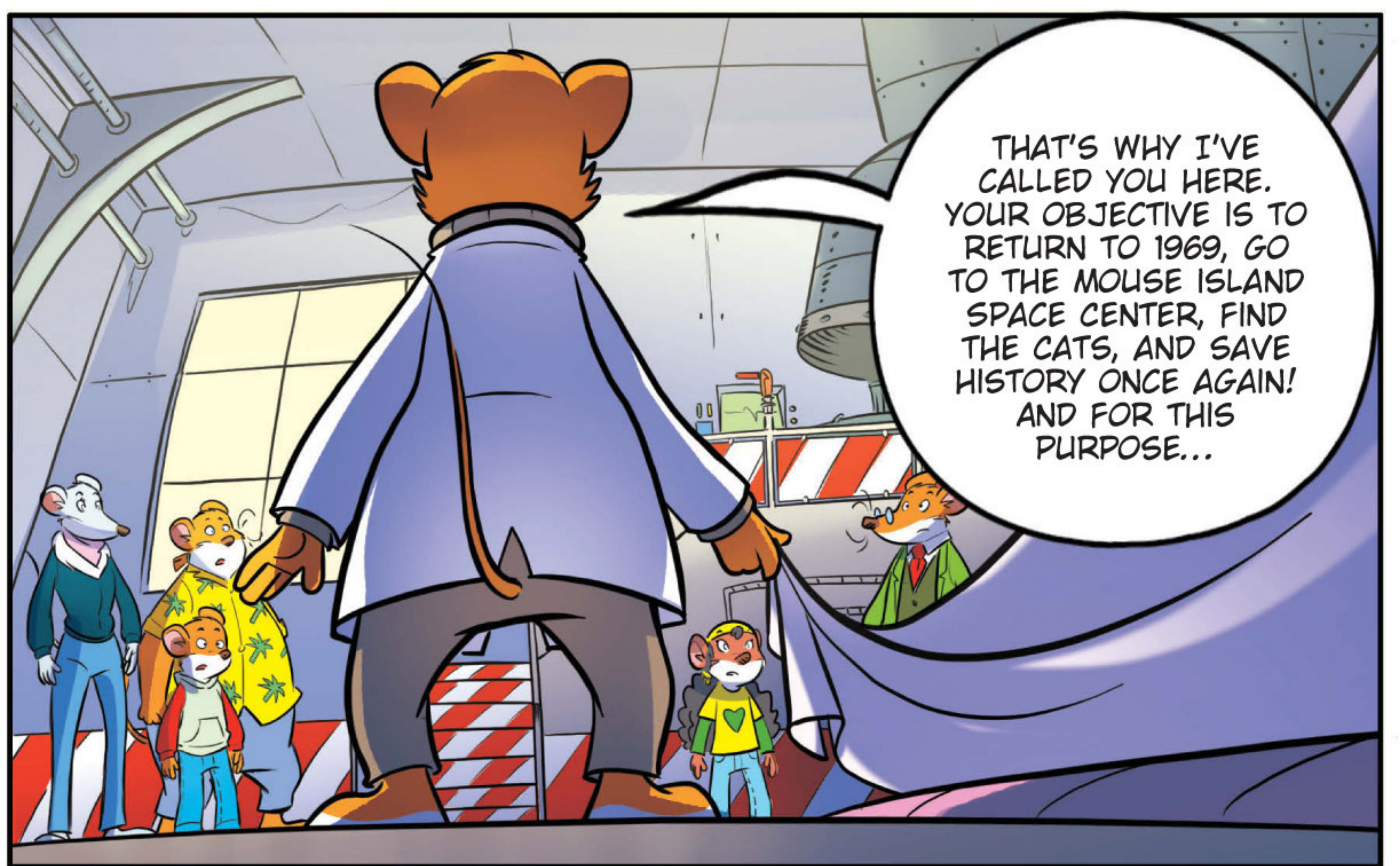
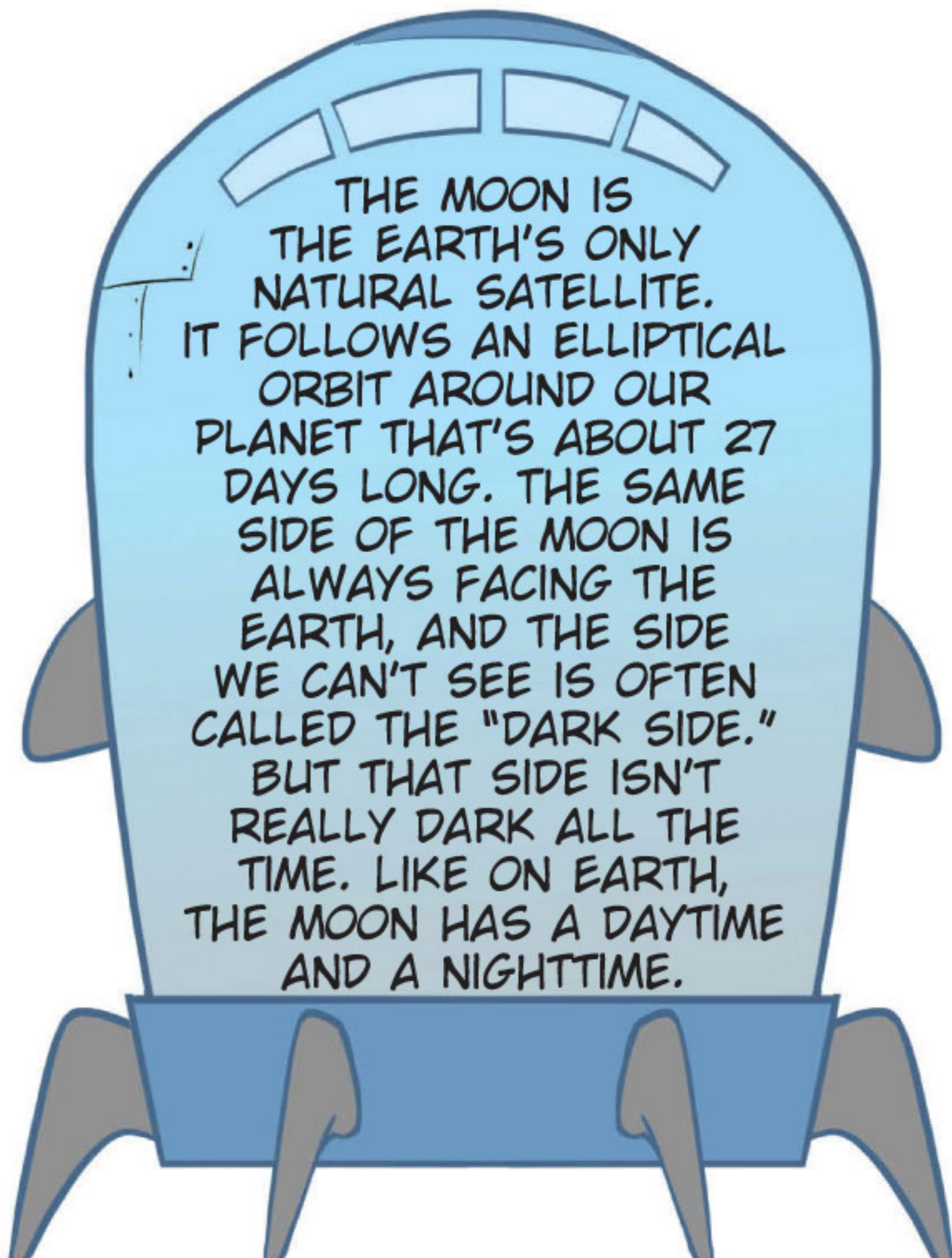
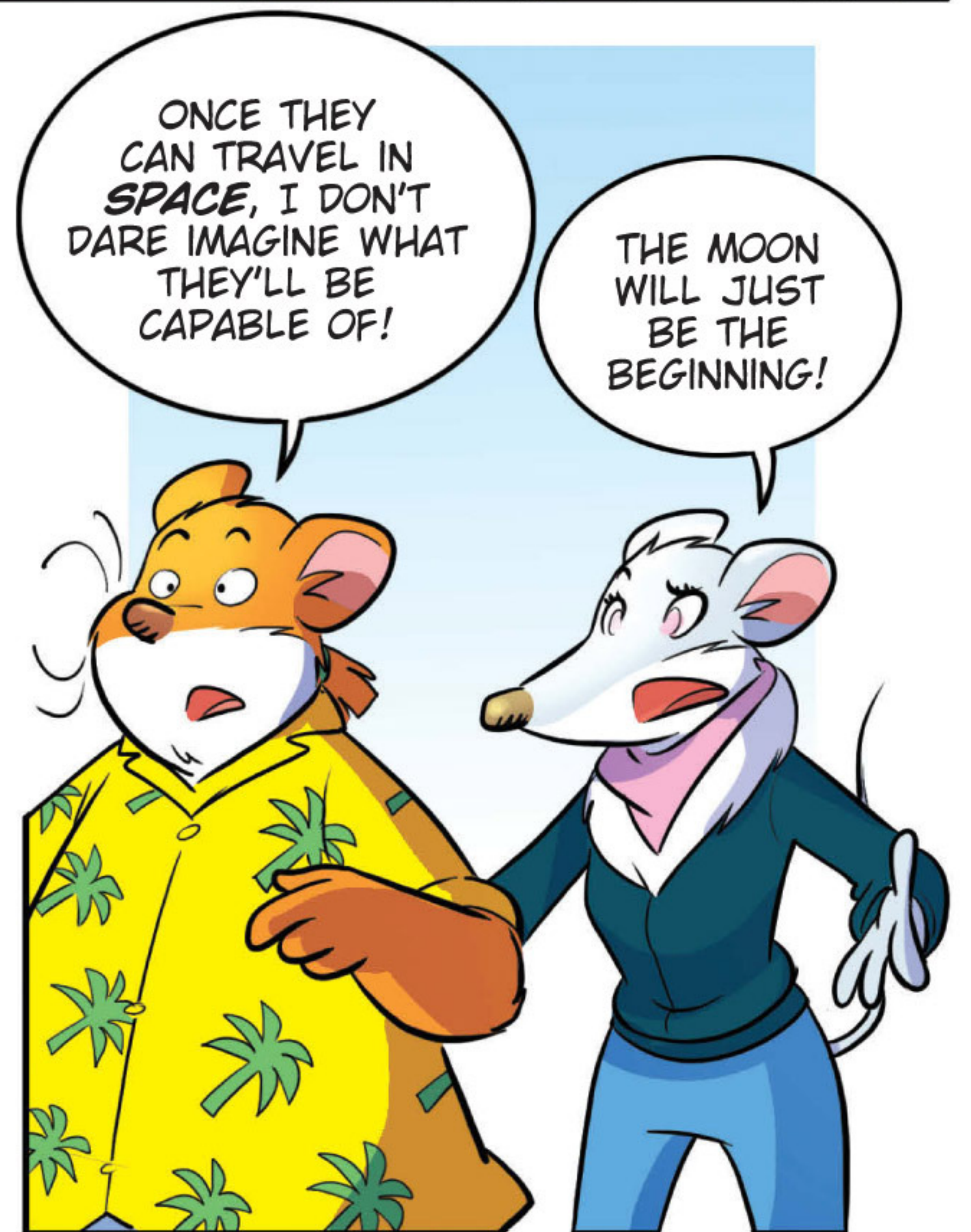
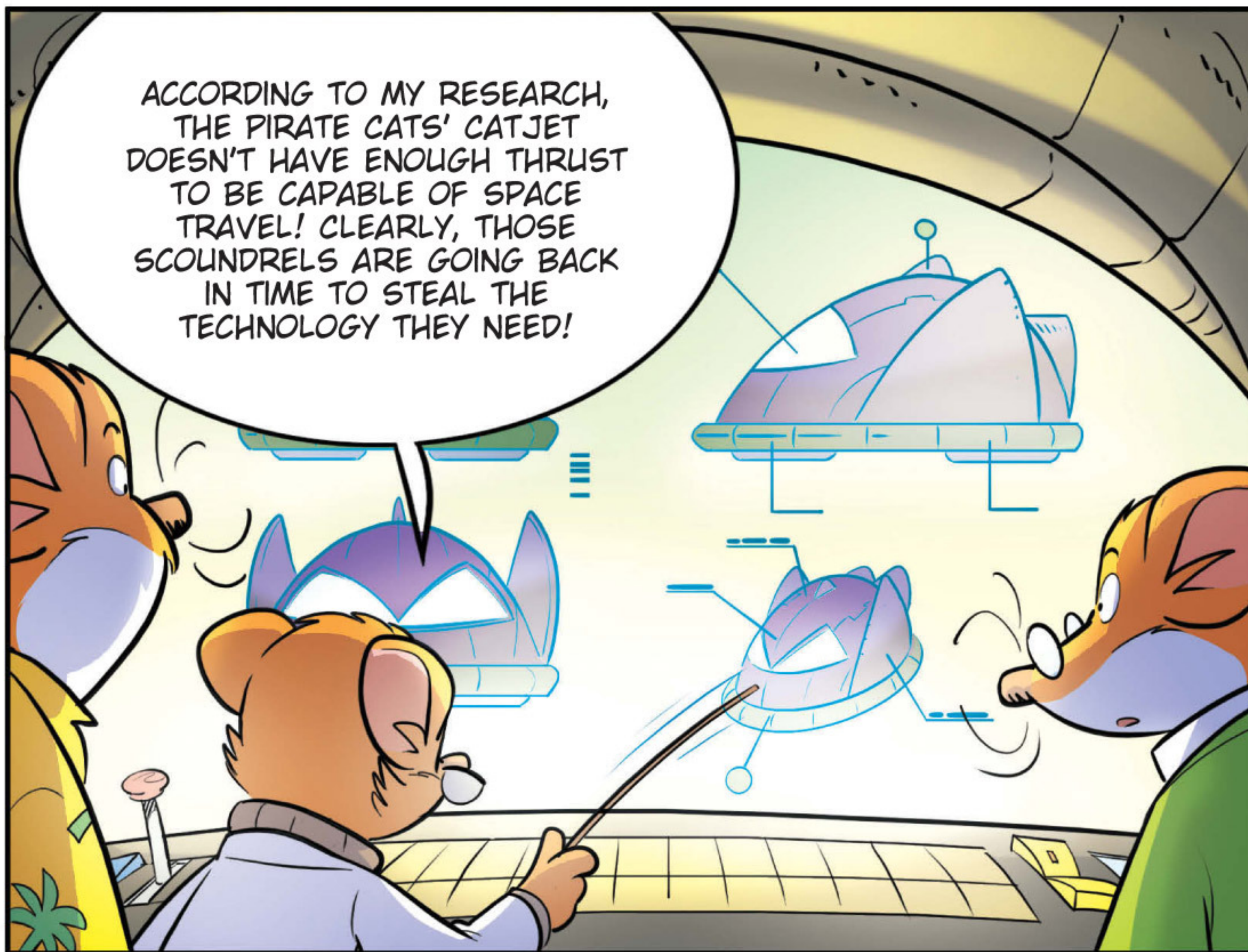
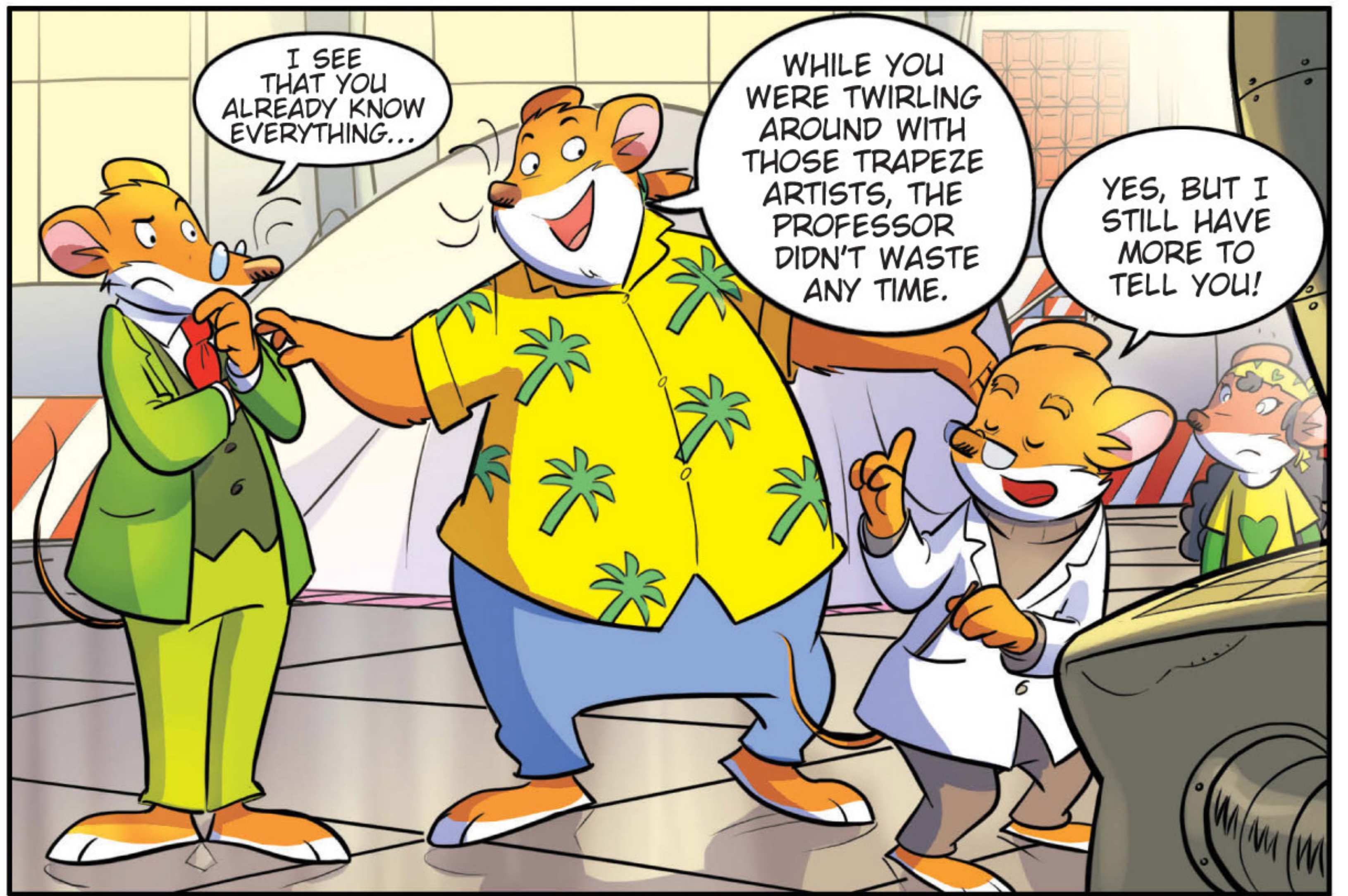
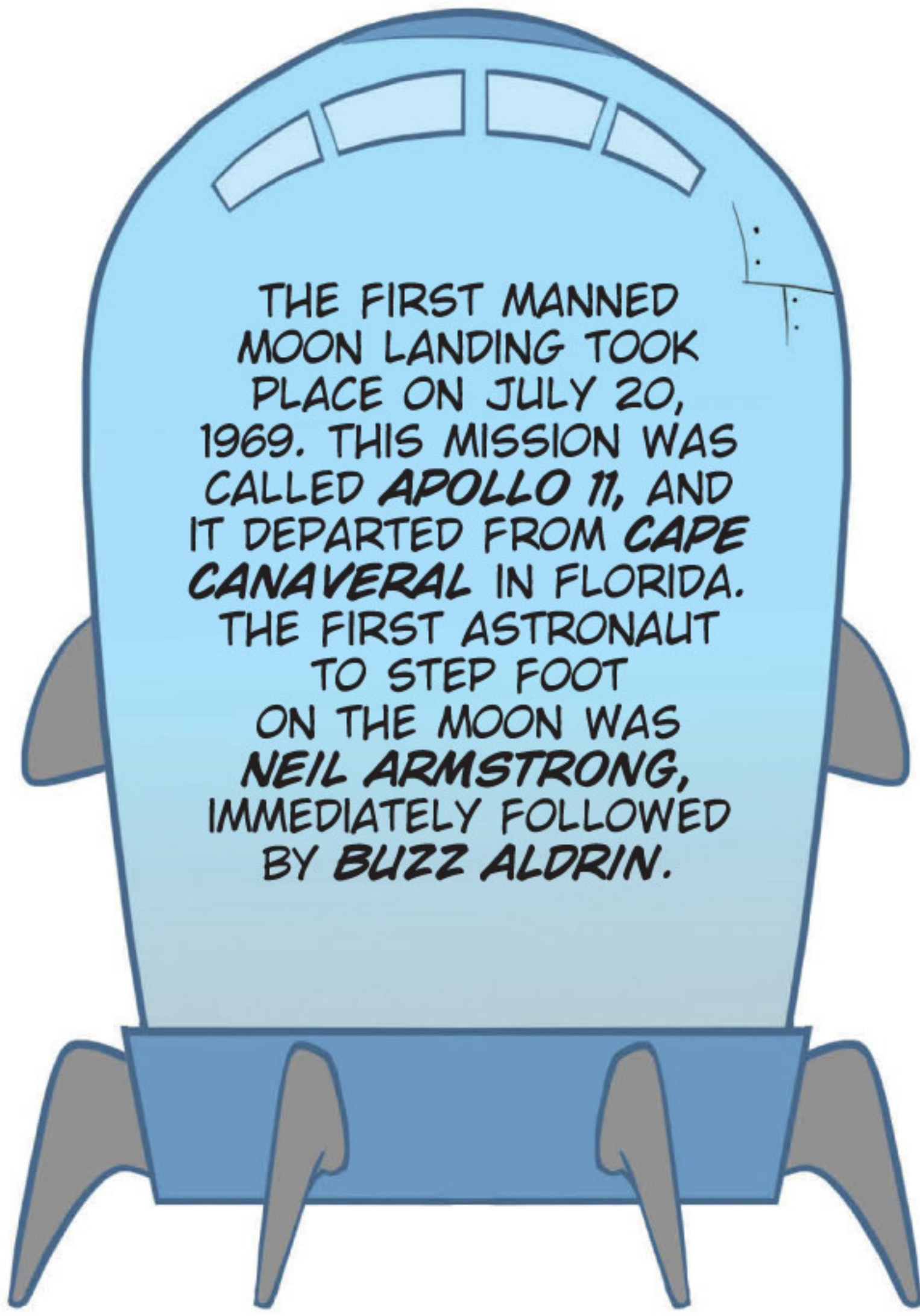
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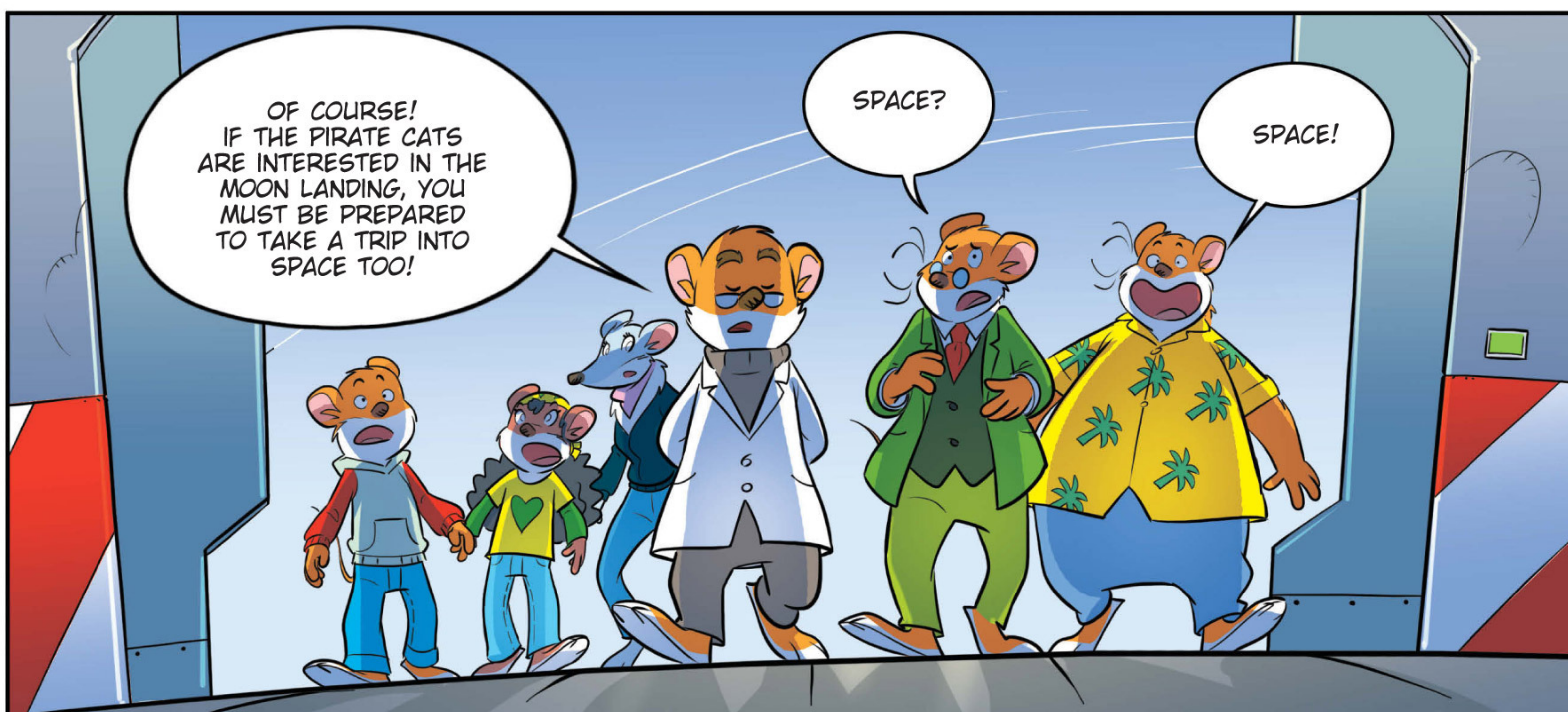
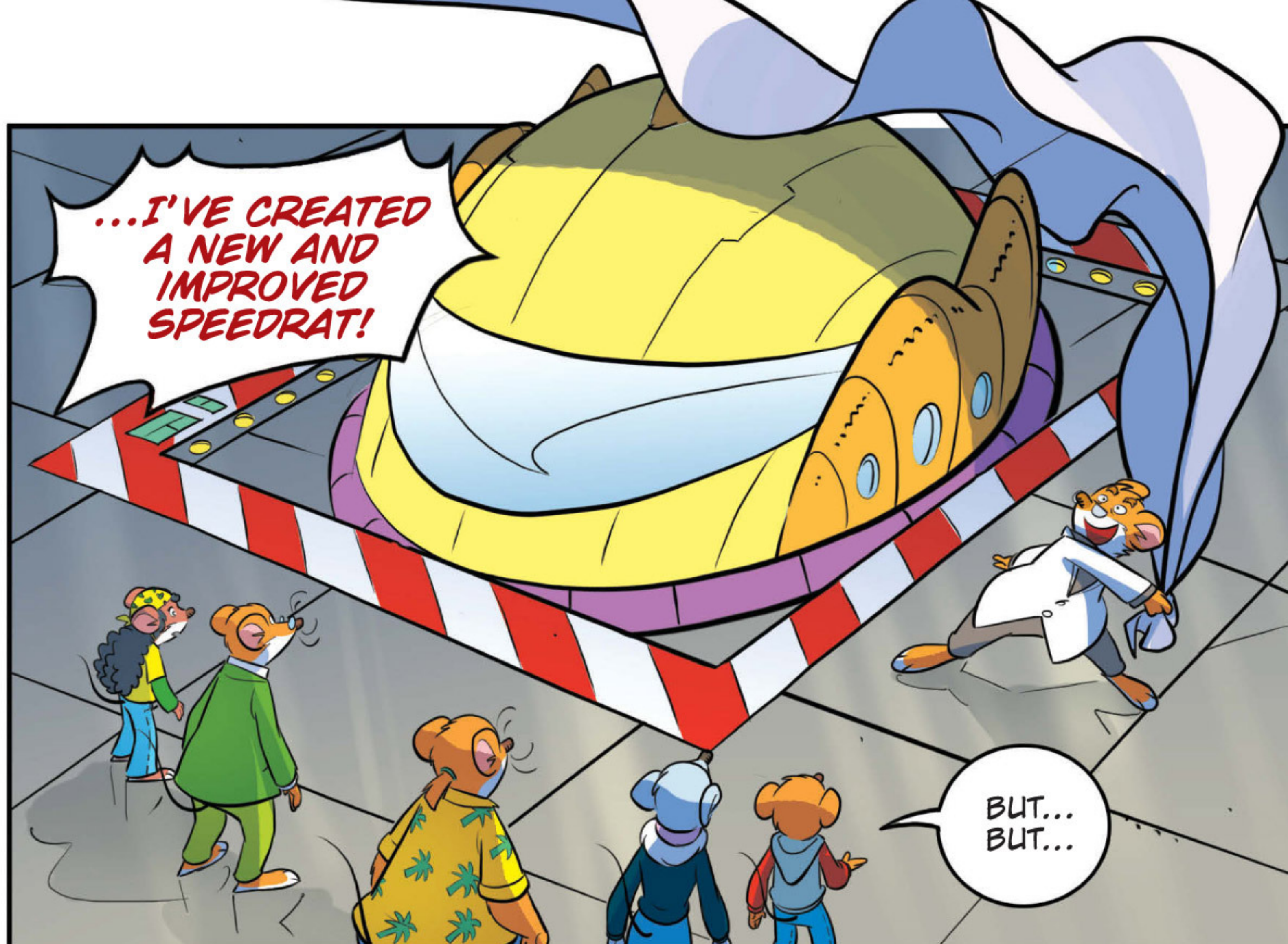


OOOHHHH!









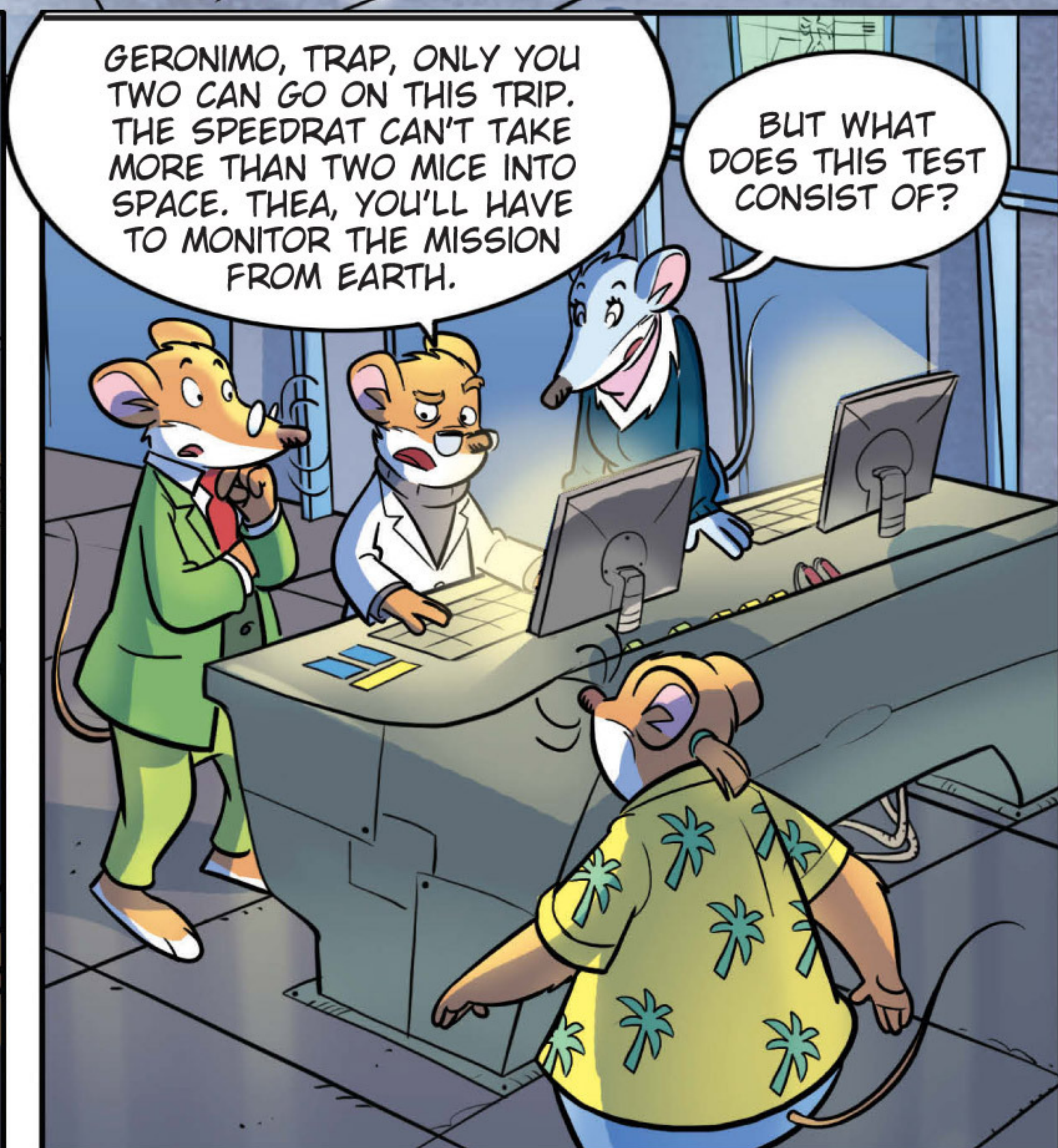


AND TO DO
THIS, YOU HAVE
TO PASS THE
ASTRONAUT
TRAINING TEST.



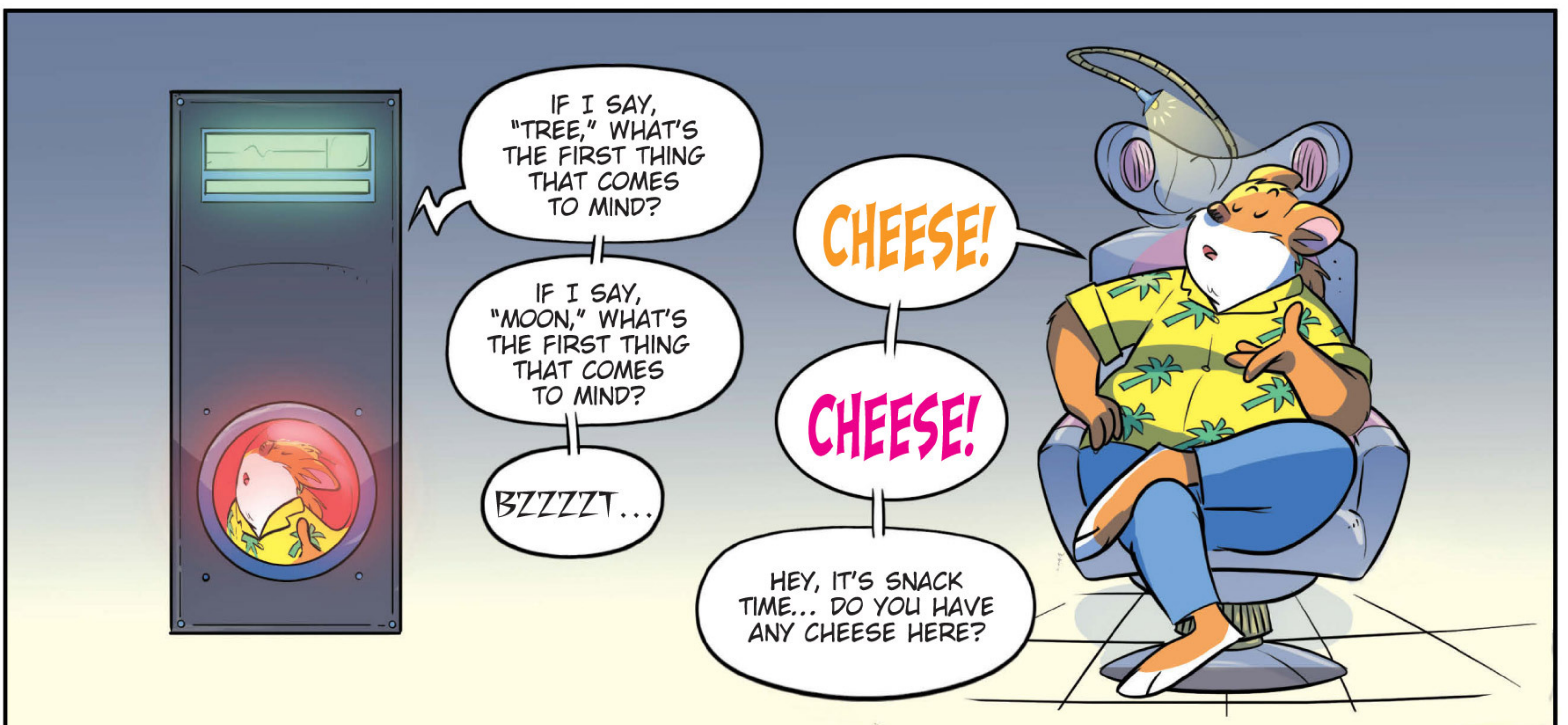
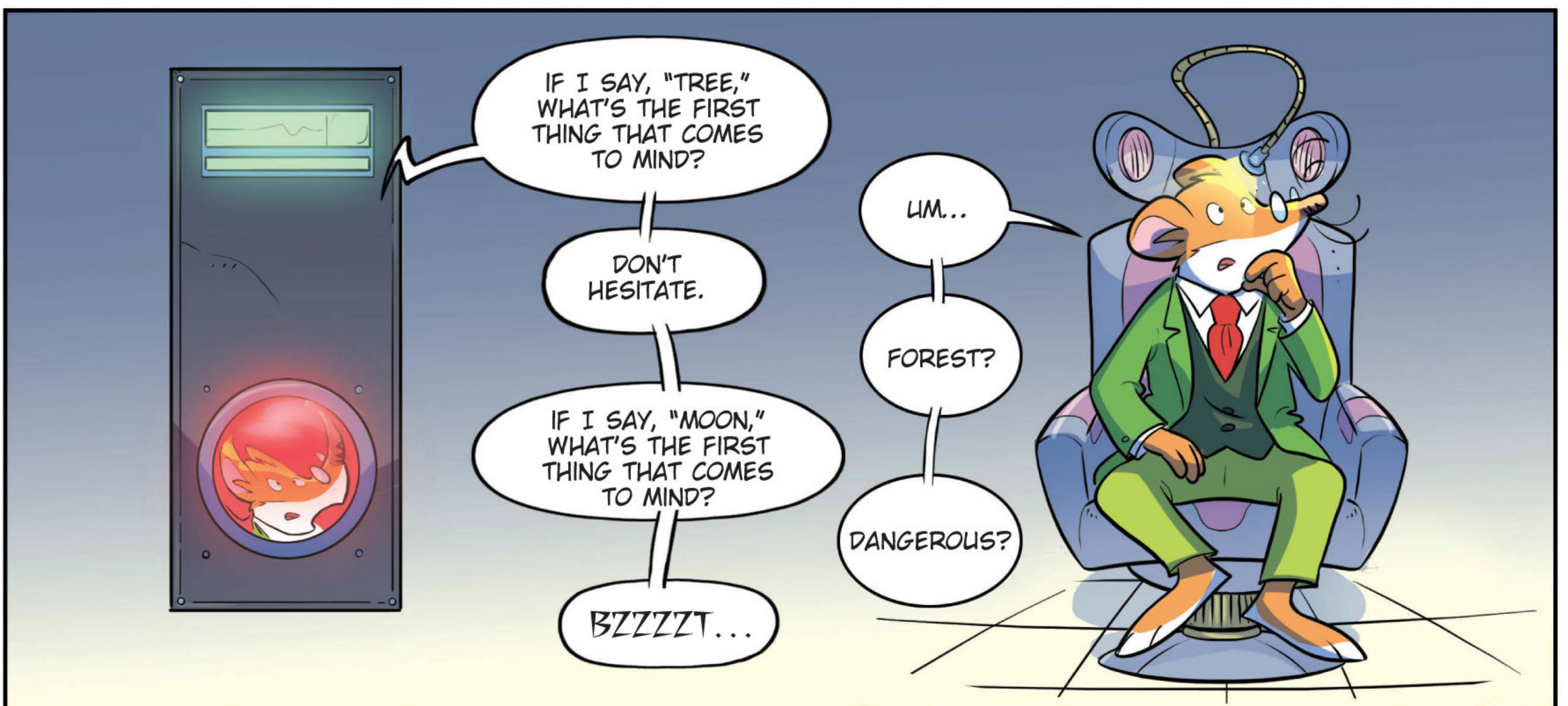
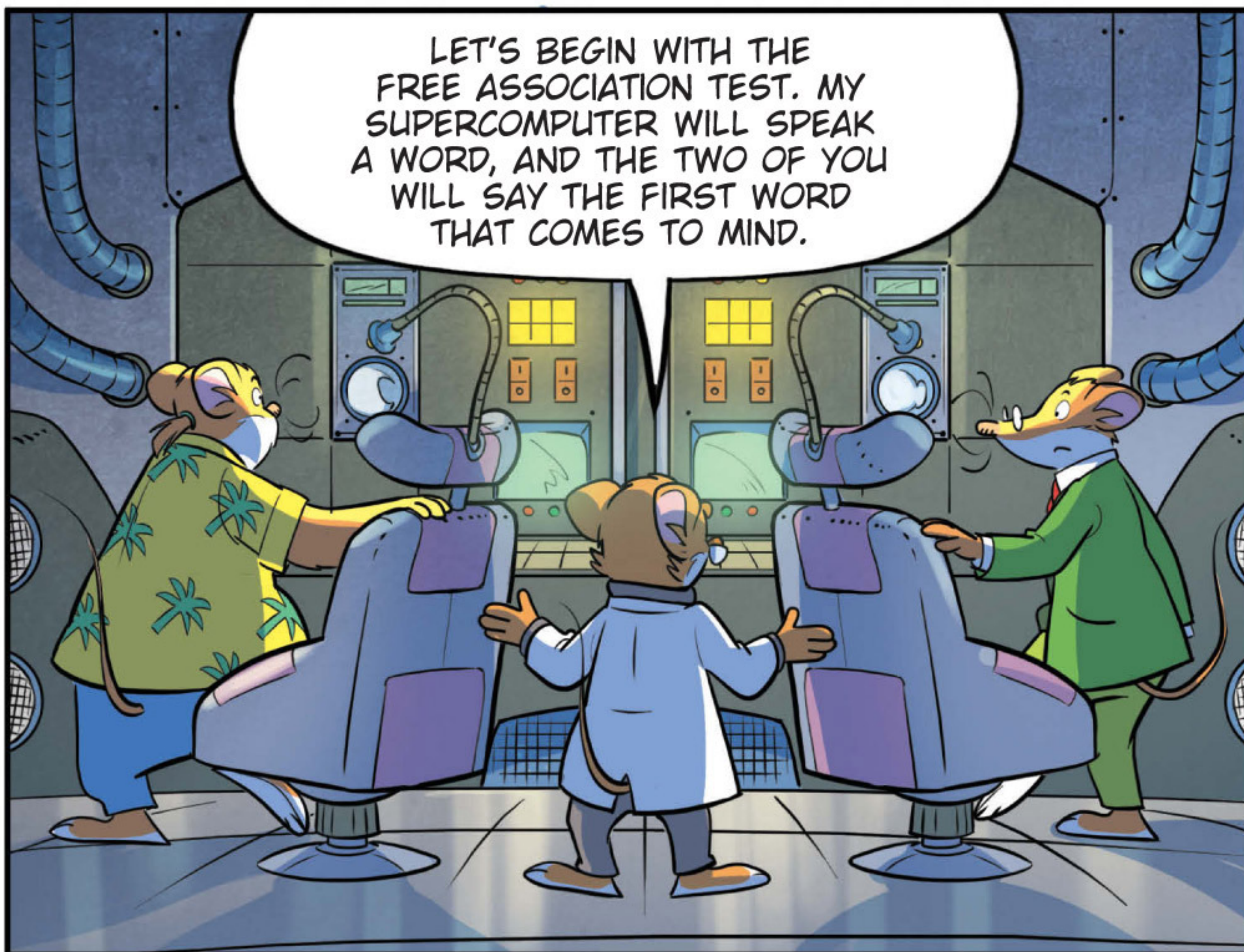
THIS PLACE IS
BETTER THAN
THE CIRCUS!

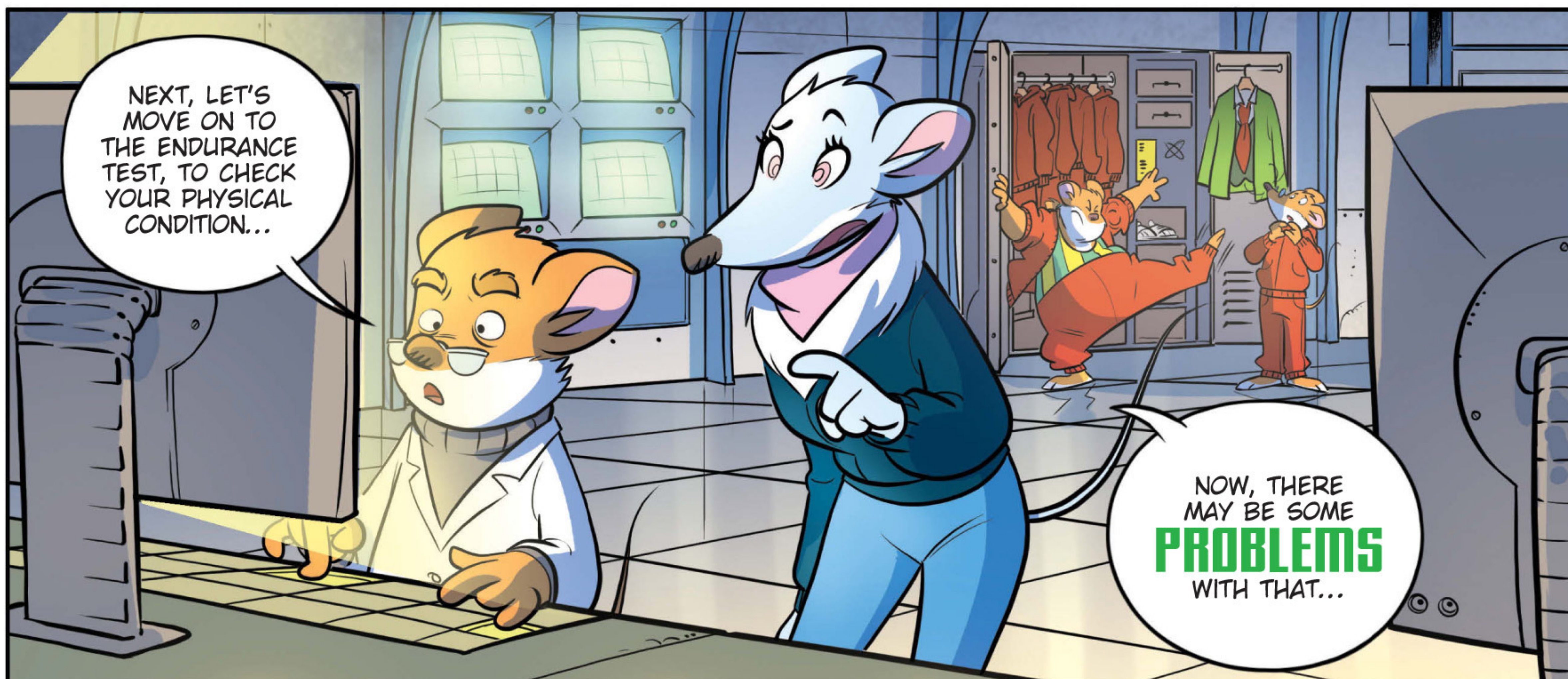
MY
WHISKERS
ARE TINGLING
WITH
EXCITEMENT!

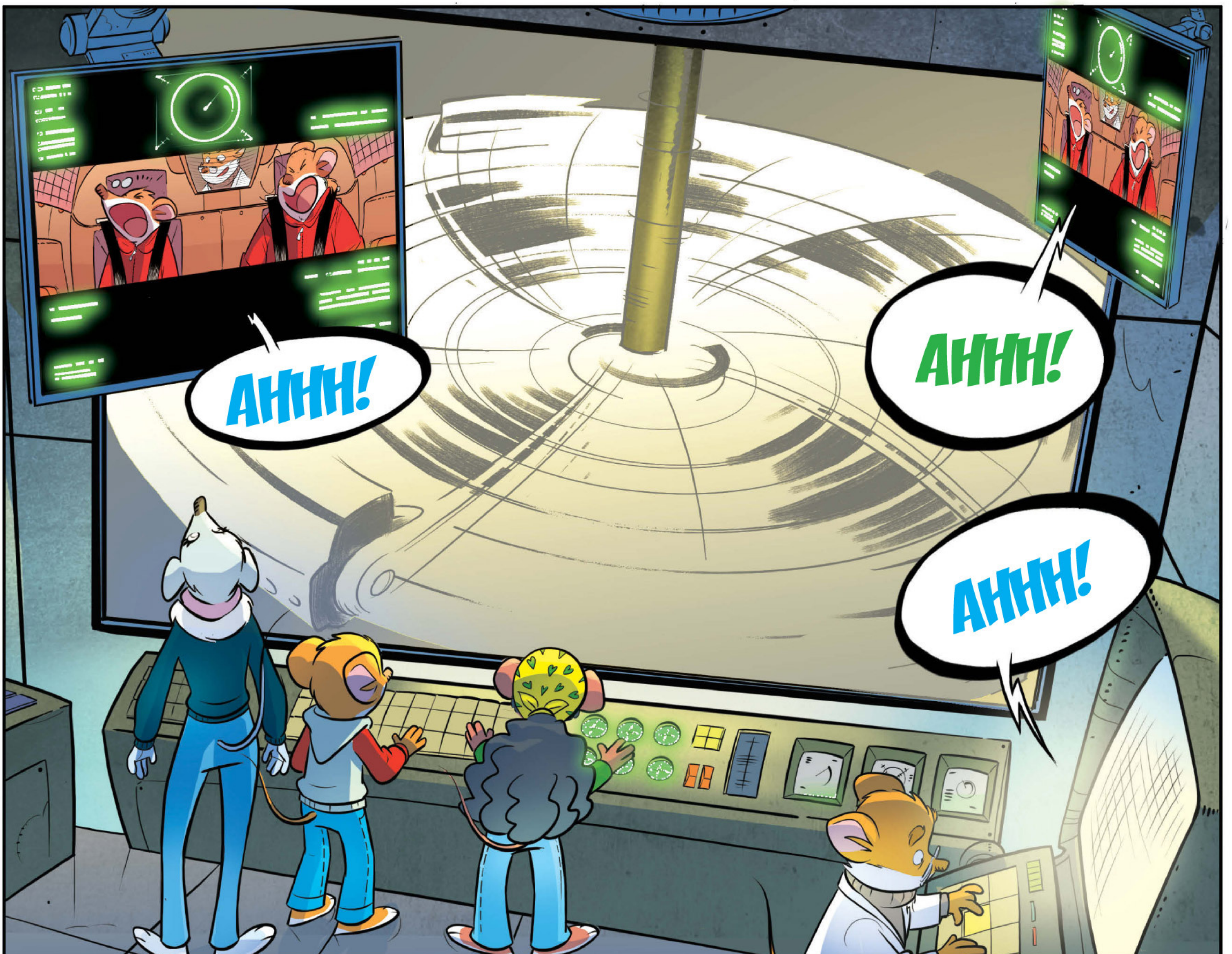
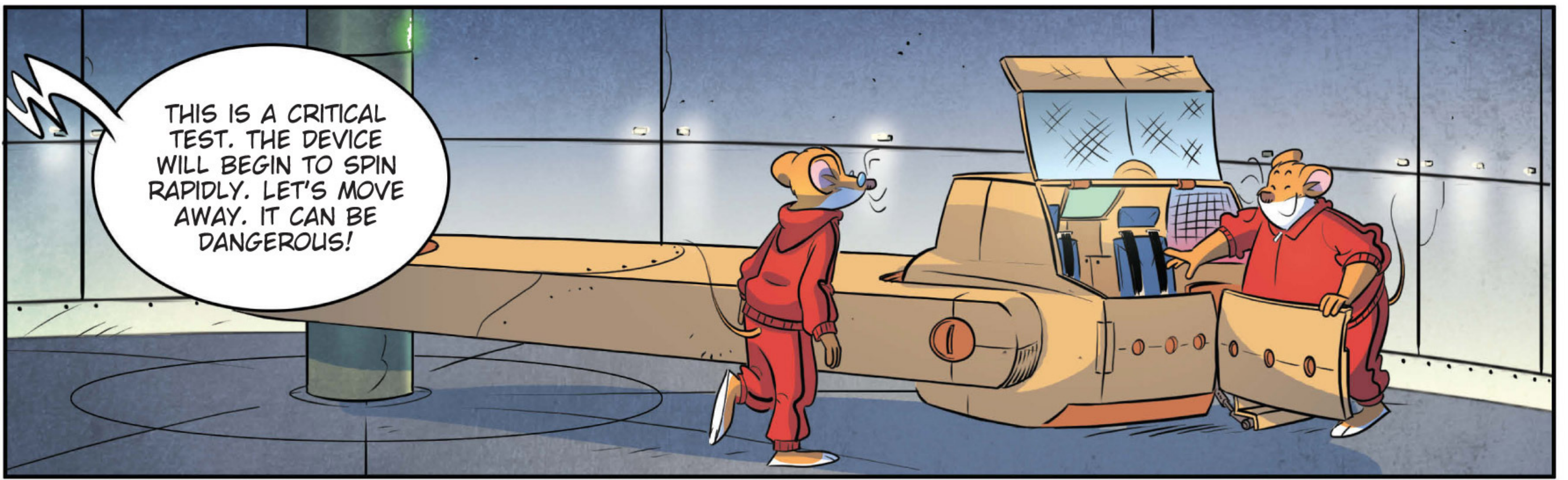


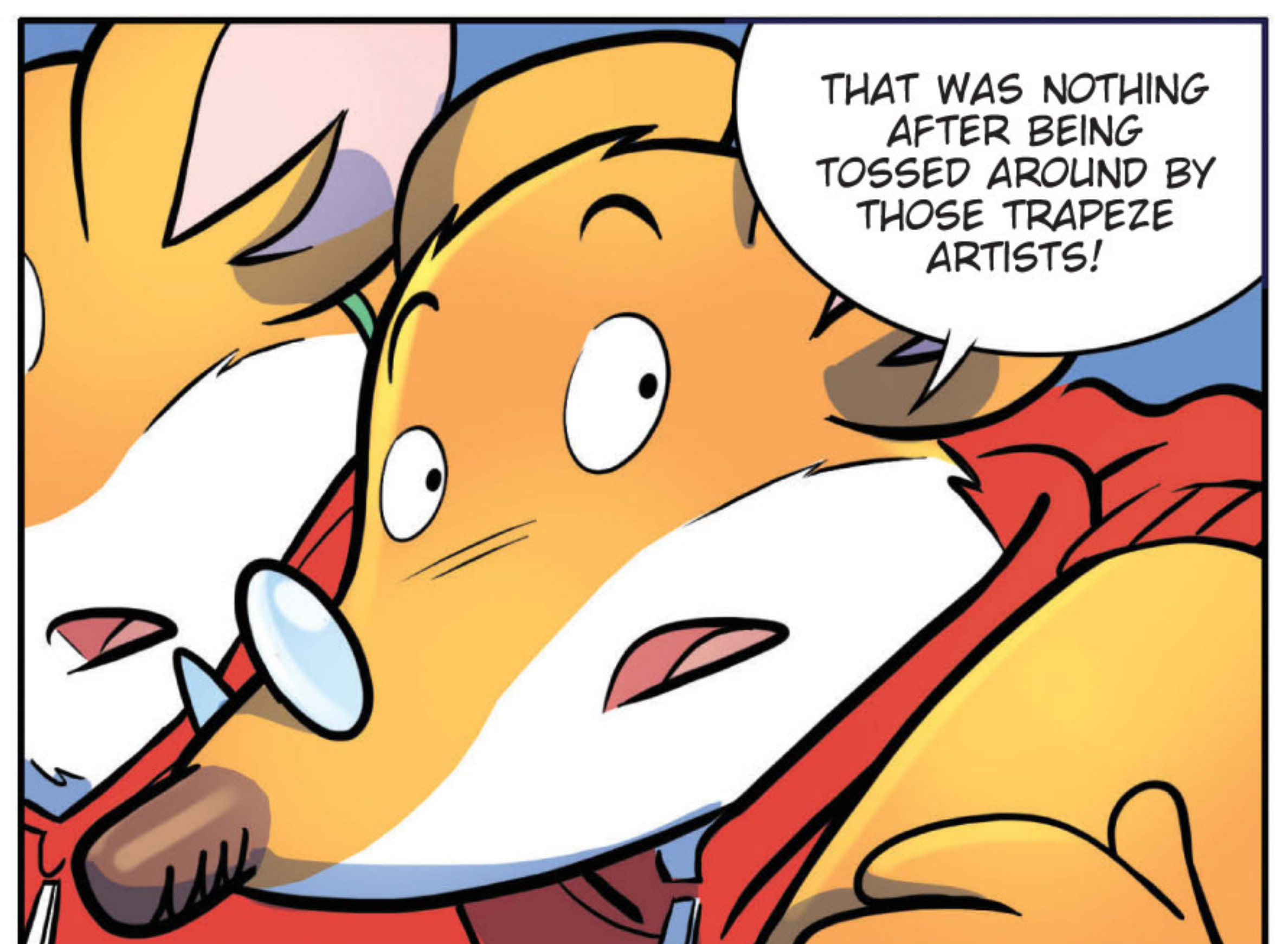
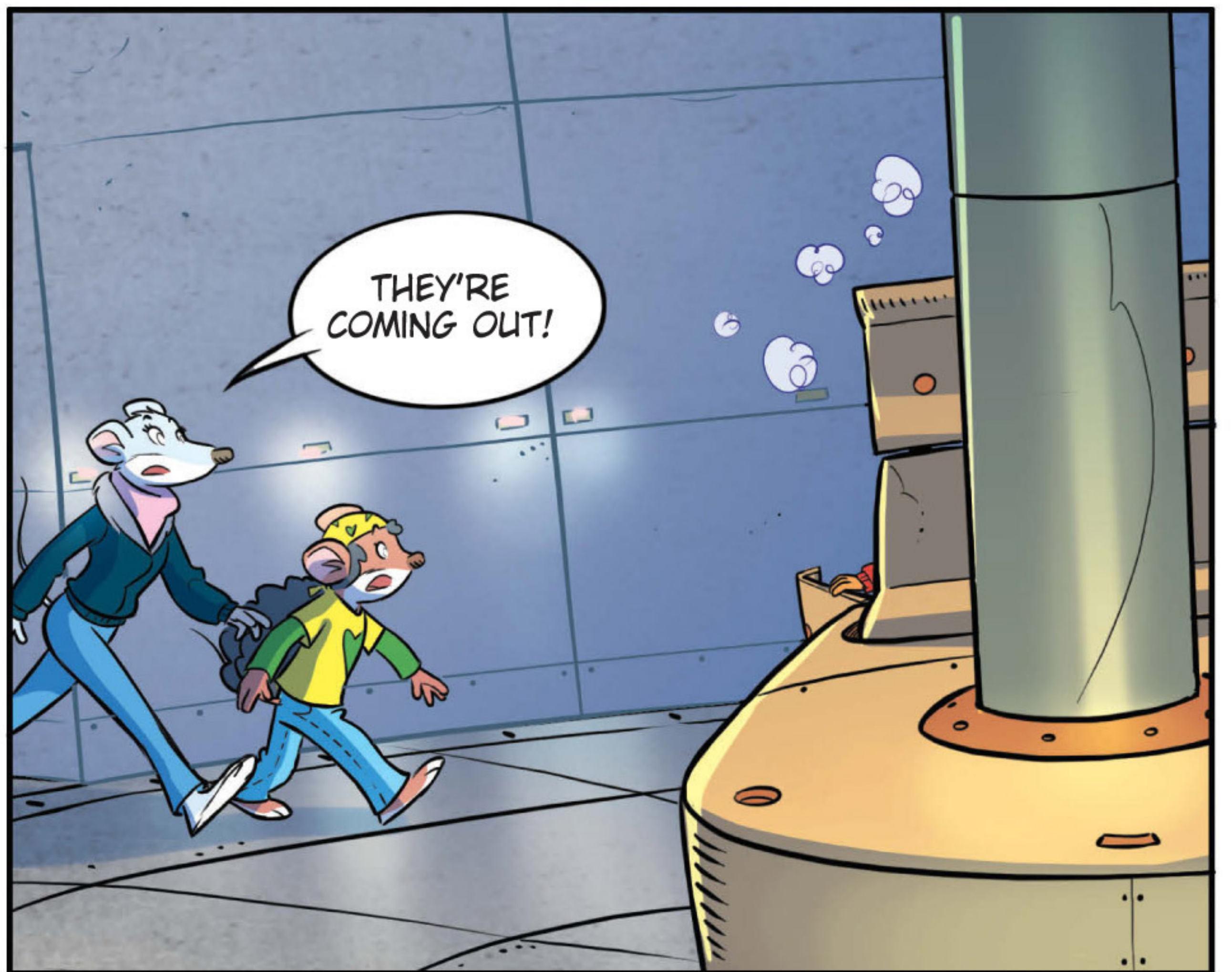
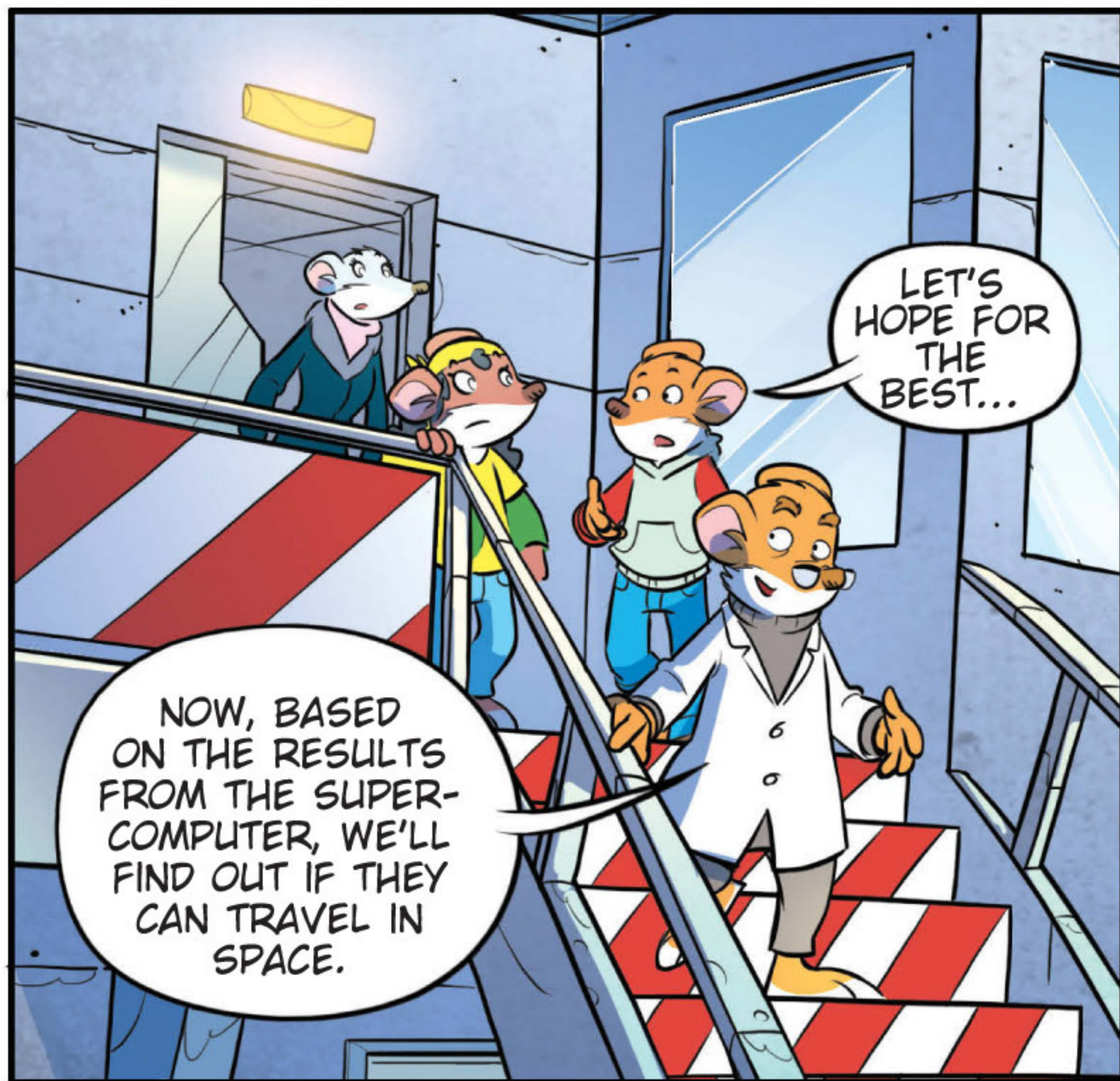
GERONIMO, TRAP, ONLY YOU
TWO CAN GO ON THIS TRIP.
THE SPEEDRAT CAN'T TAKE
MORE THAN TWO MICE INTO
SPACE. THEA, YOU'LL HAVE
TO MONITOR THE MISSION
FROM EARTH.

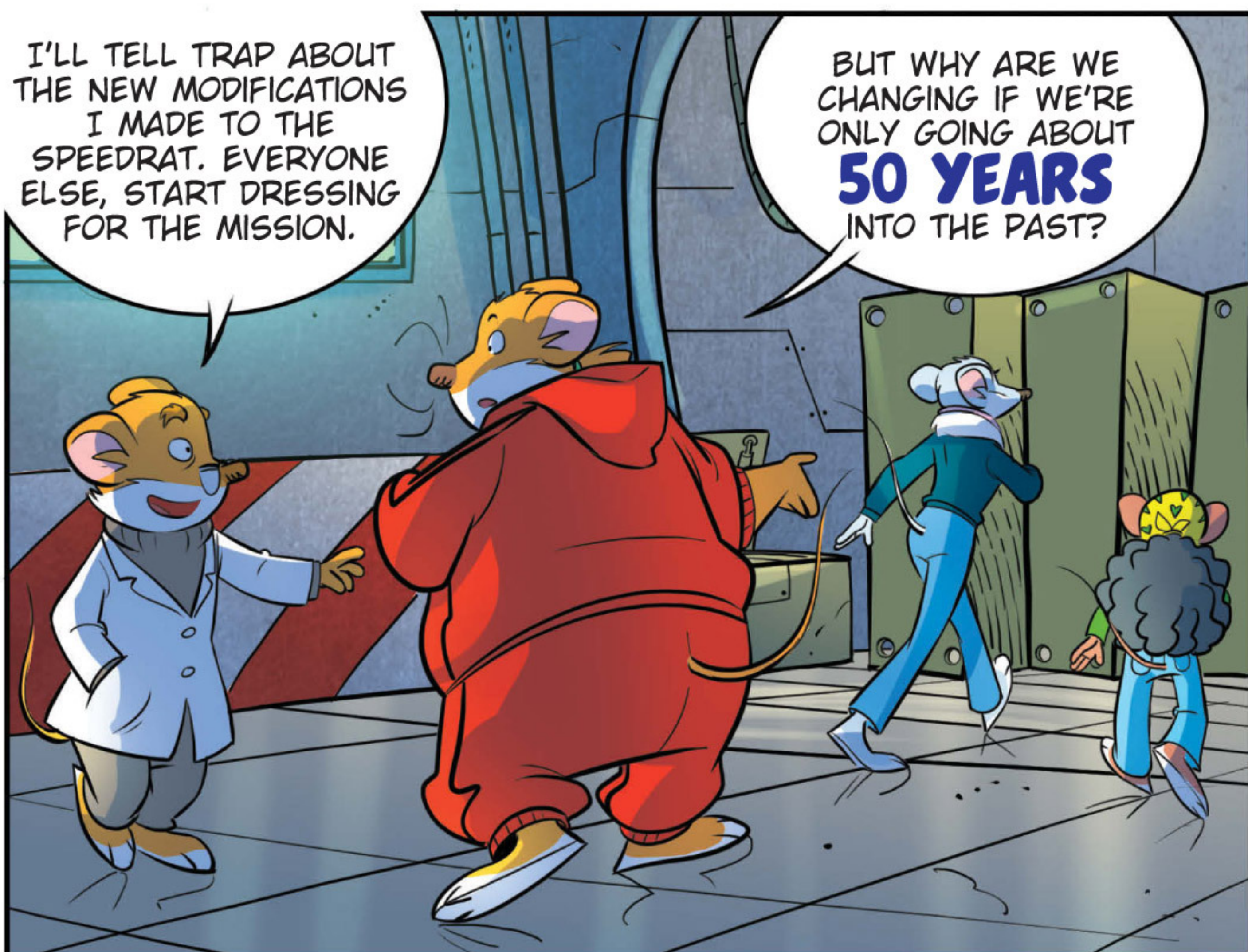
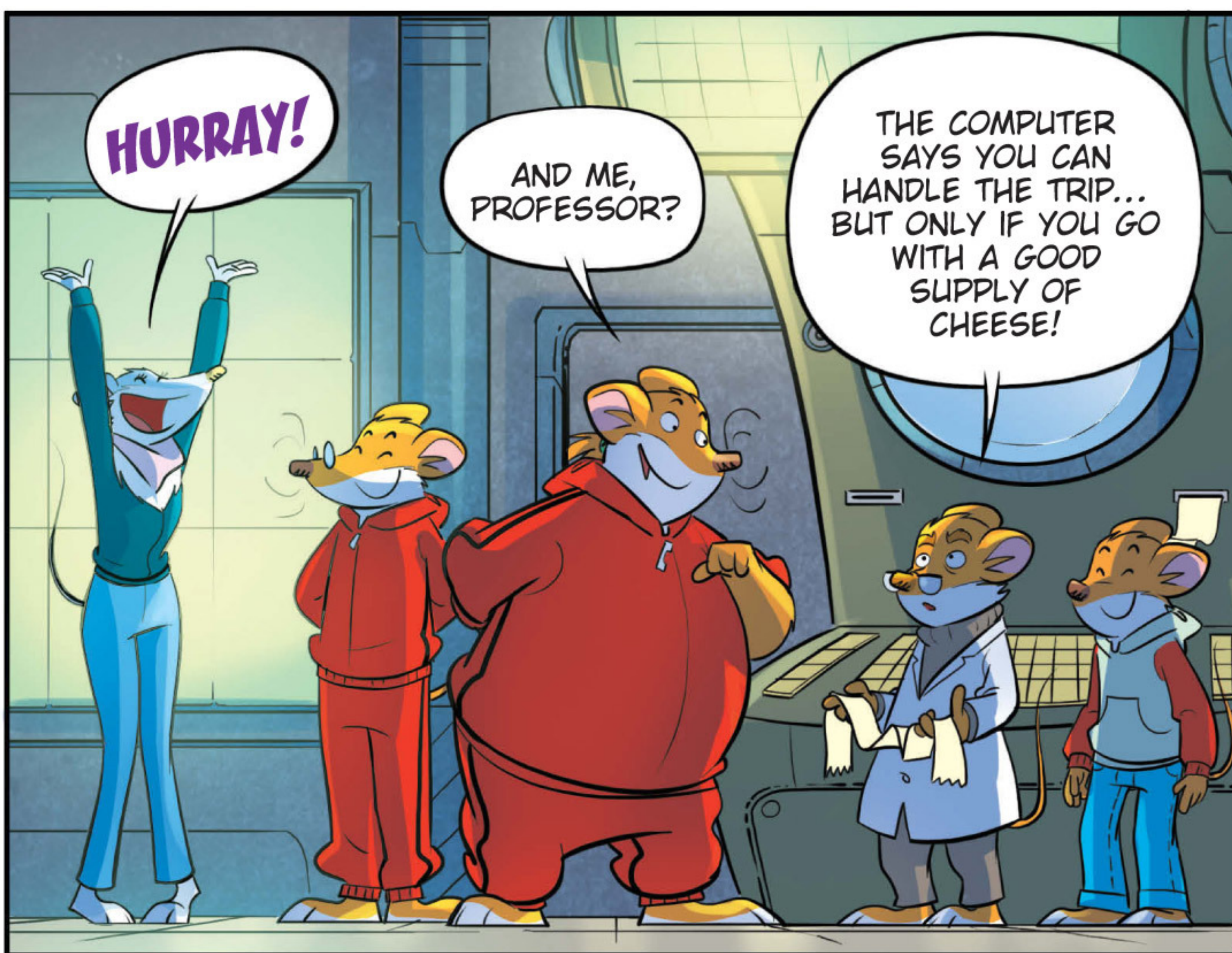
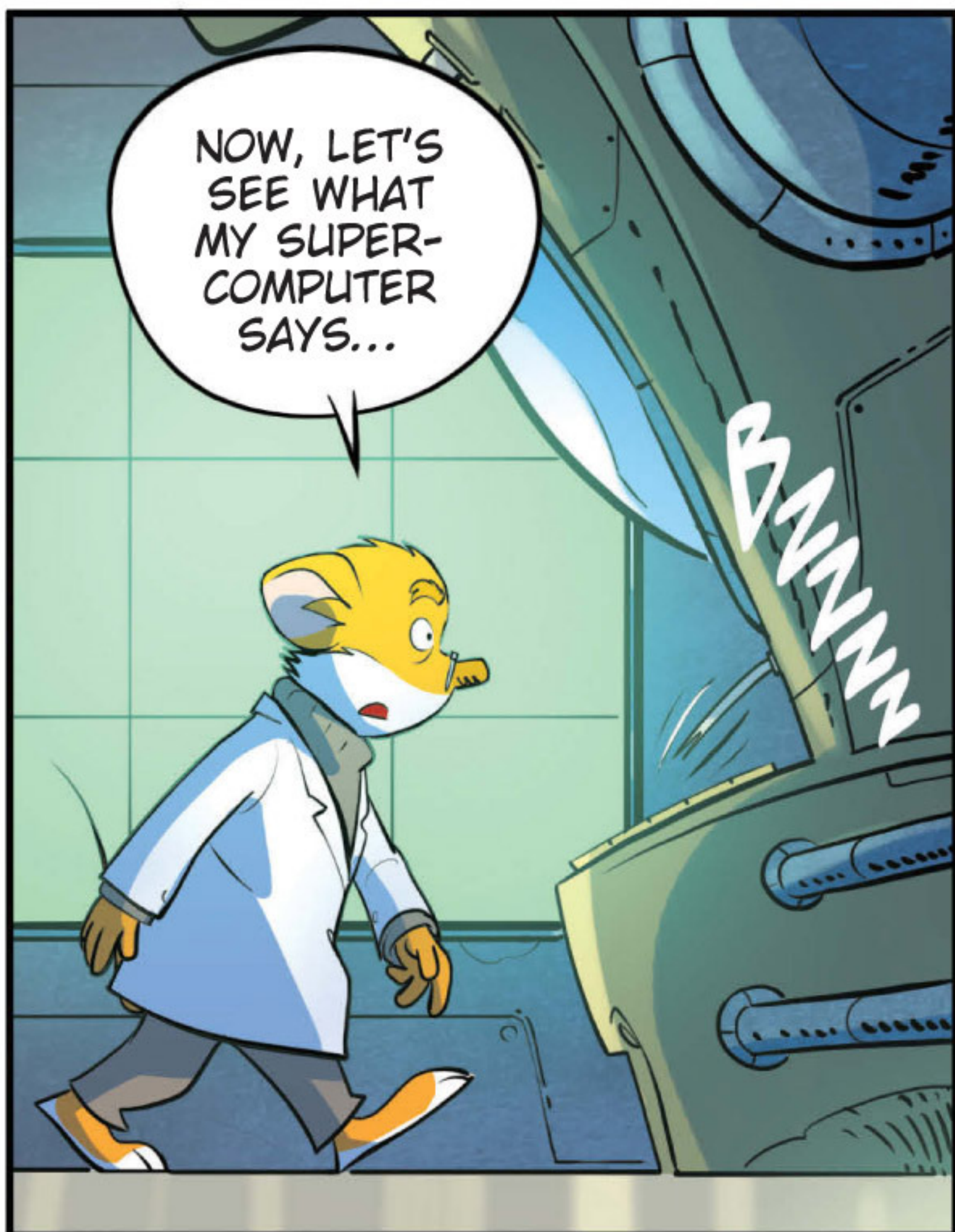
BUT WHAT
DOES THIS TEST
CONSIST OF?

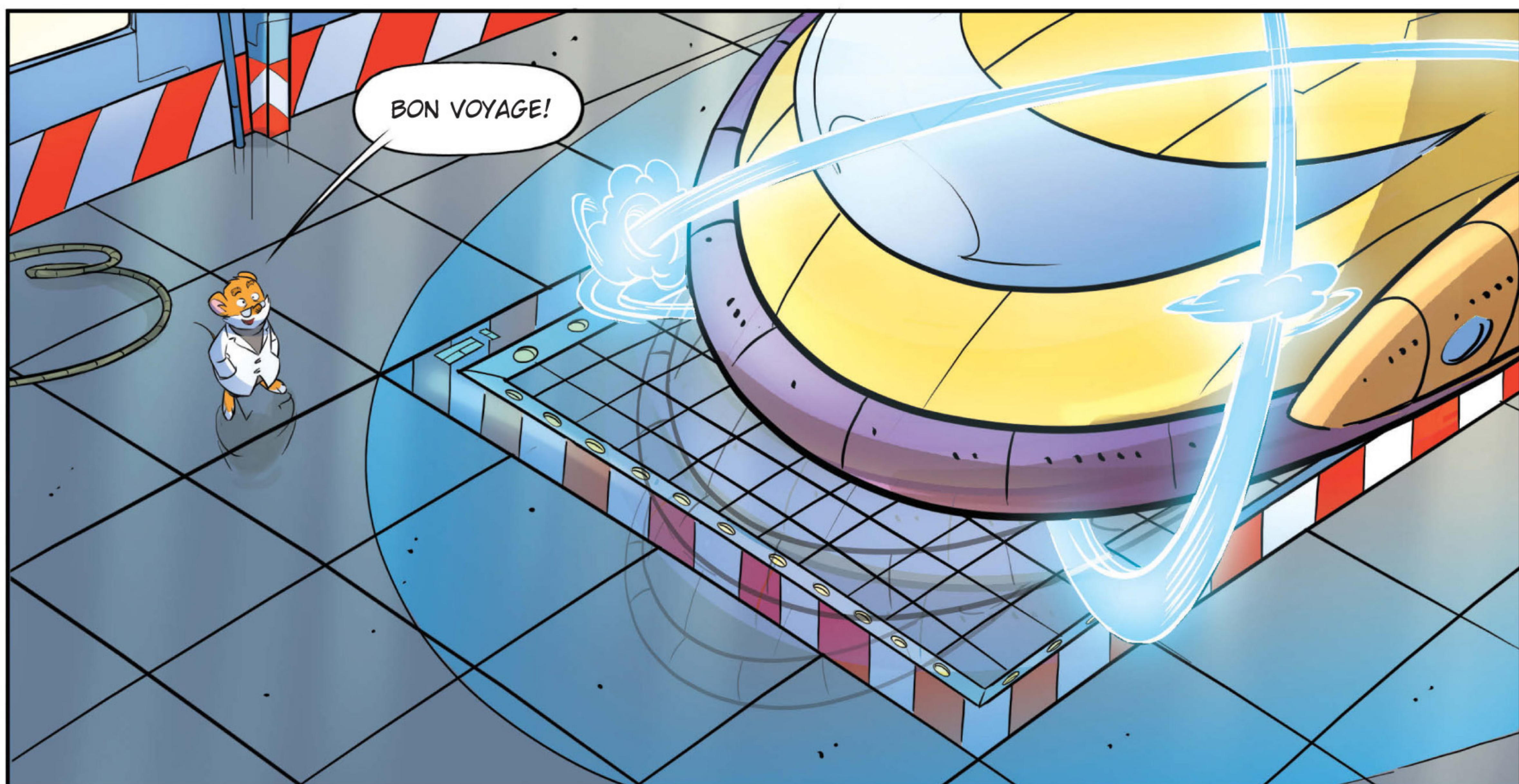
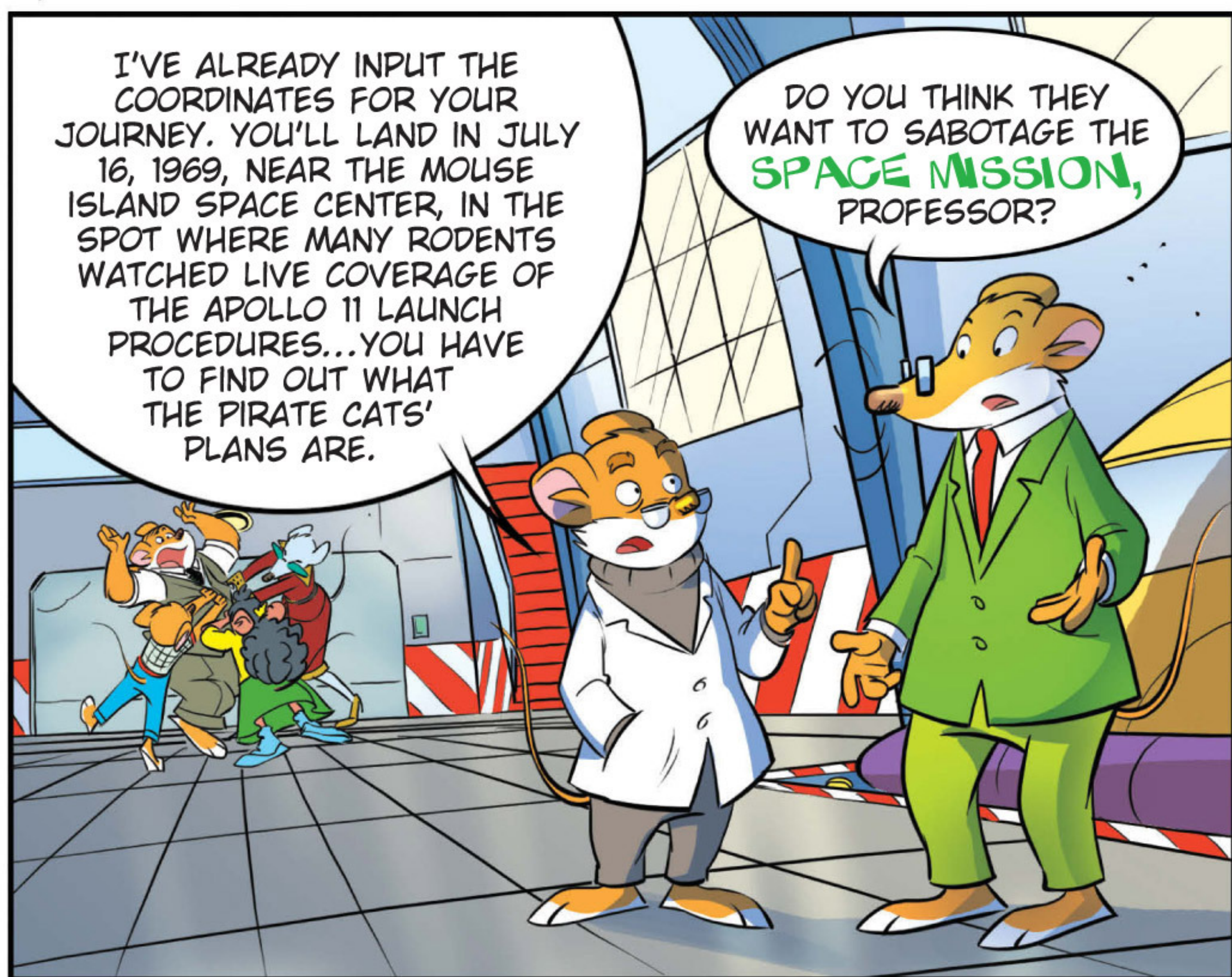






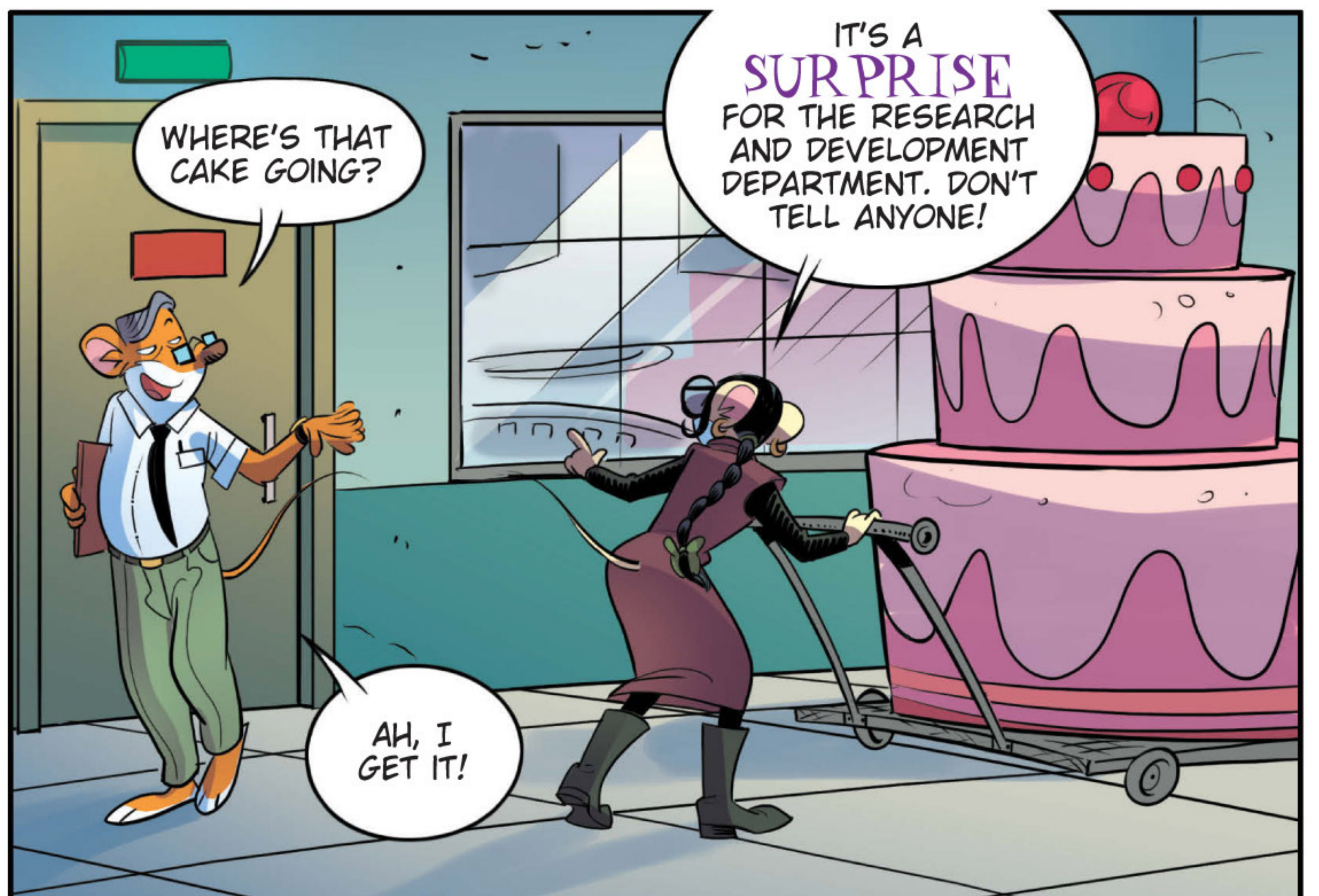
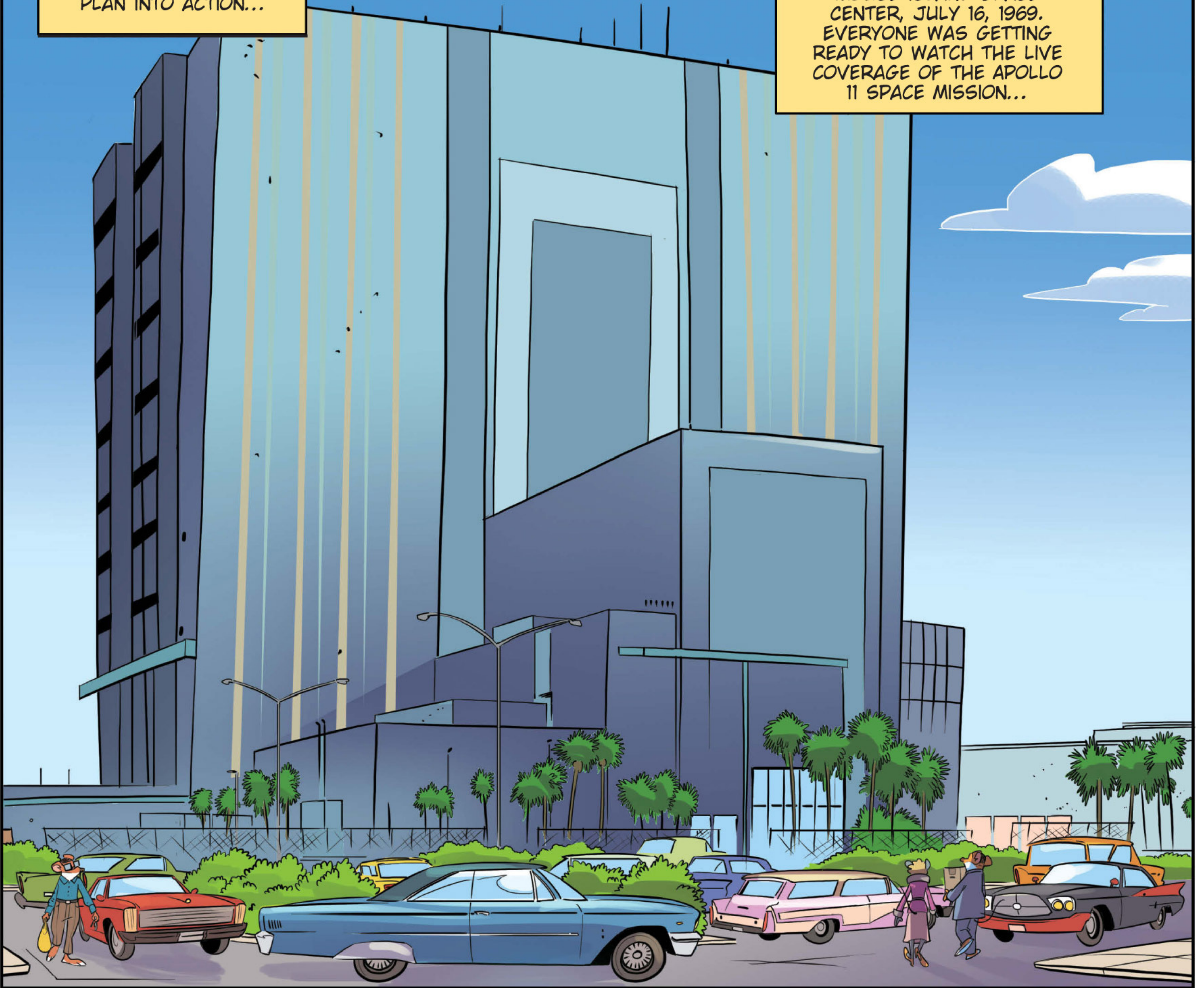


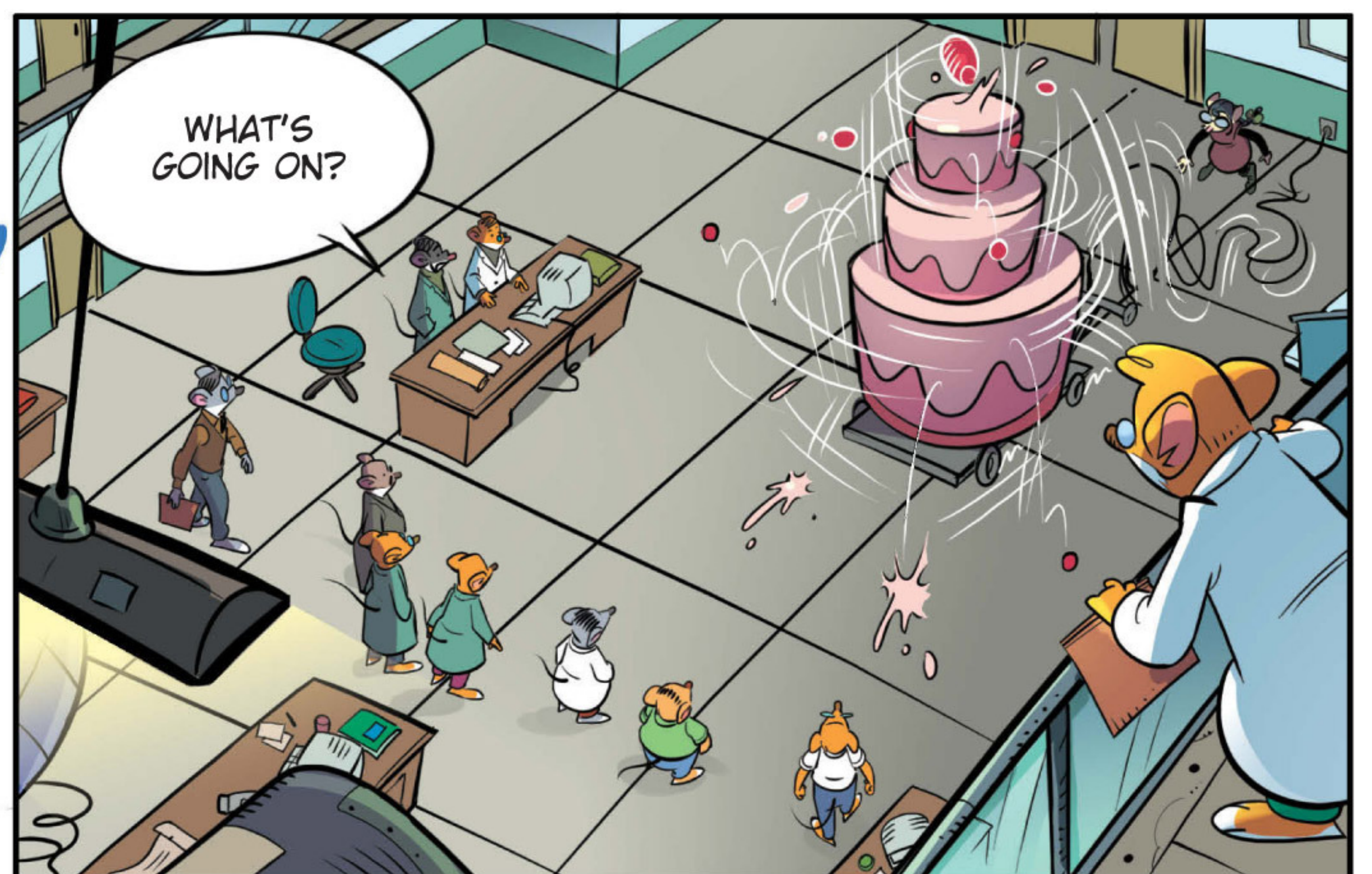
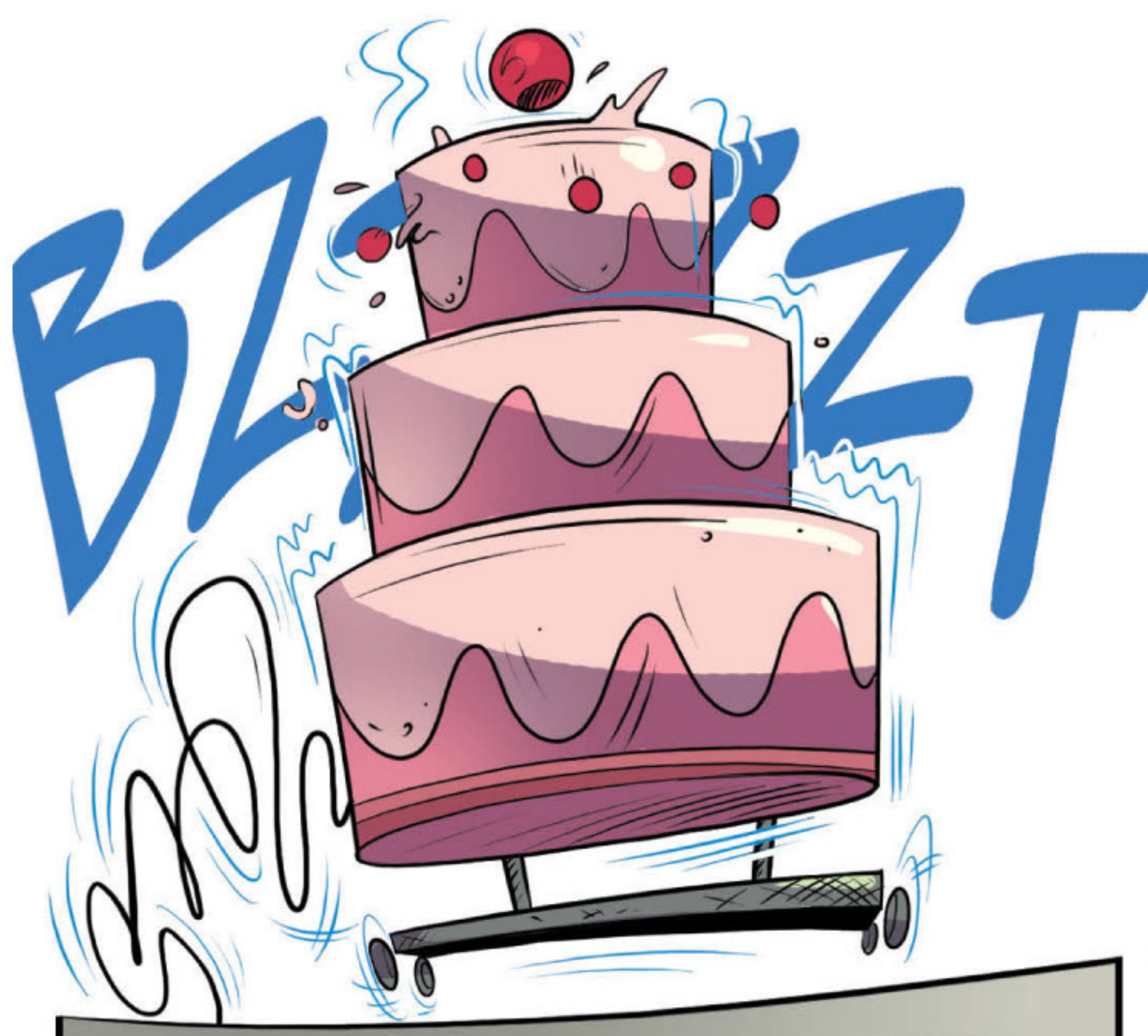
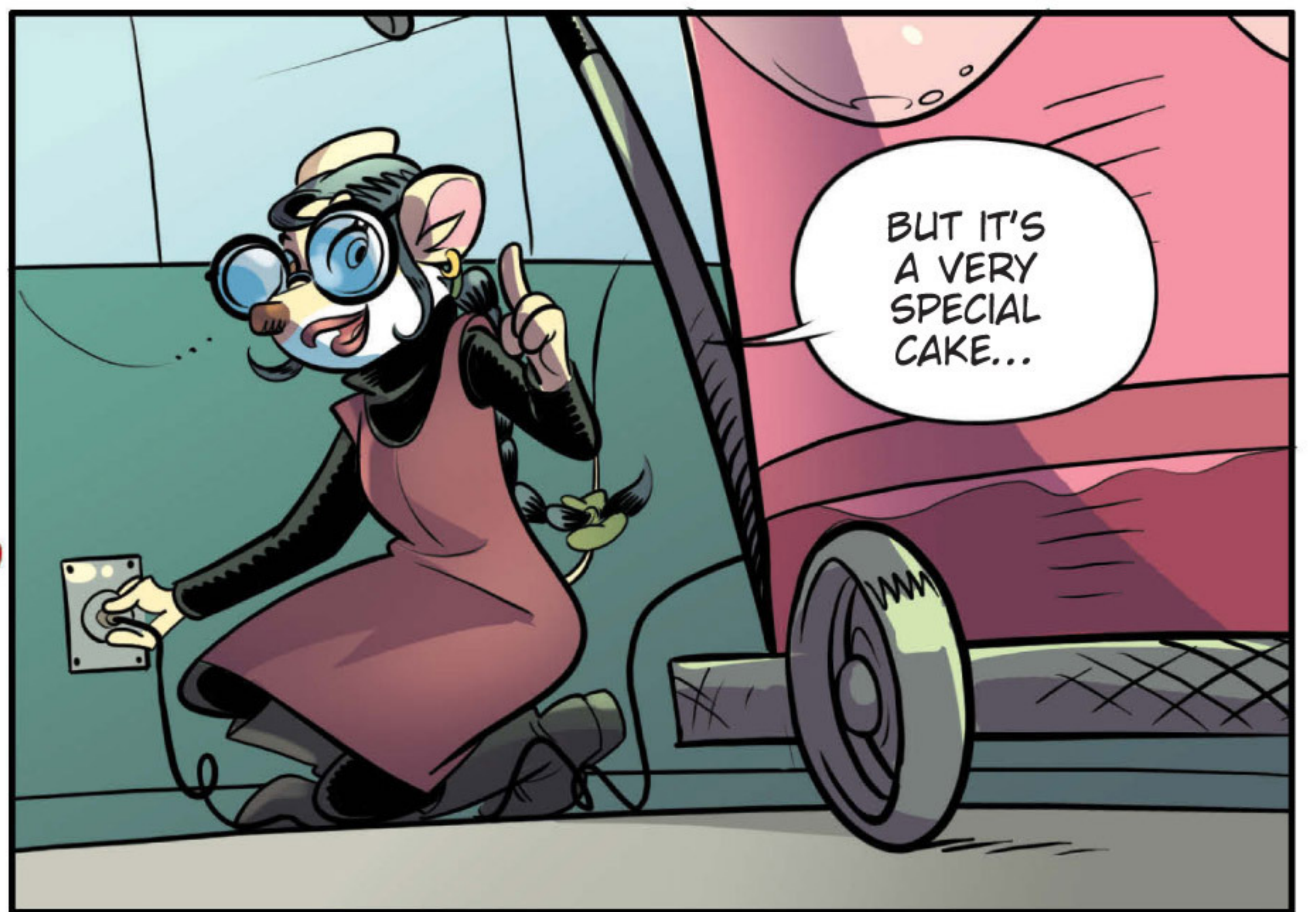


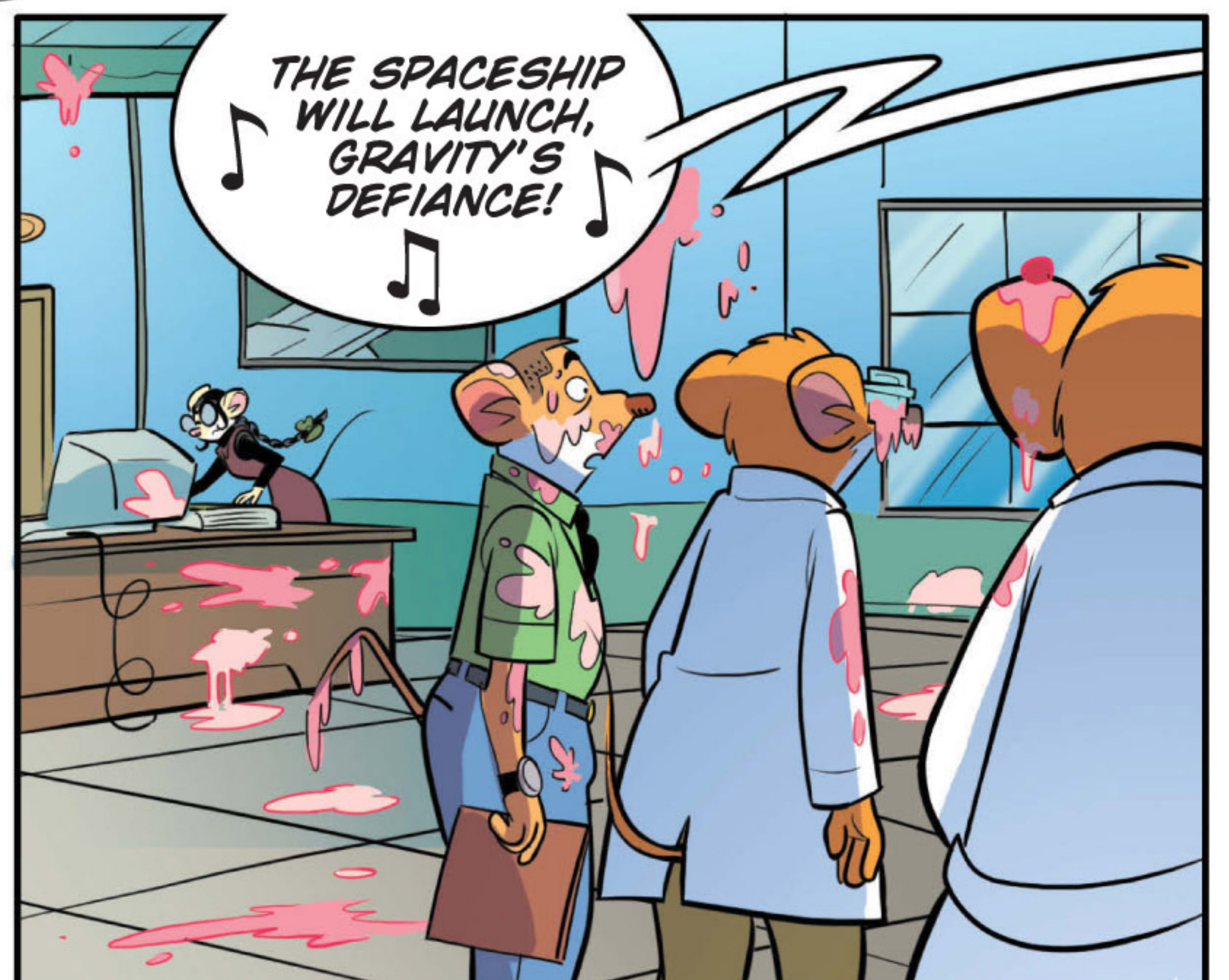


MEANWHILE, THE
PIRATE CATS HAD
BEGUN TO PUT THEIR
PLAN INTO ACTION...

MOUSE ISLAND SPACE
CENTER, JULY 16, 1969.
EVERYONE WAS GETTING
READY TO WATCH THE LIVE
COVERAGE OF THE APOLLO
11 SPACE MISSION...









NOW THAT WE HAVE THESE PLANS, WE CAN BUILD A ROCKET THAT CAN OVERCOME THE EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL. WE WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GOING INTO SPACE WITH THE CATJET!

CHOMP
CHOMP

HONESTLY, CAN'T YOU LET ME GLOAT IN PEACE? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GUM YOU'VE BEEN CHEWING FOR DAYS?

IT'S JUST AN IDEA...
CHOMP...FOR OUR PLAN...
CHOMP...

I'M THE ONE WITH THE IDEAS HERE! FOLLOW MY ORDERS, AND THE NAME OF CATARDONE III OF CATATONIA WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

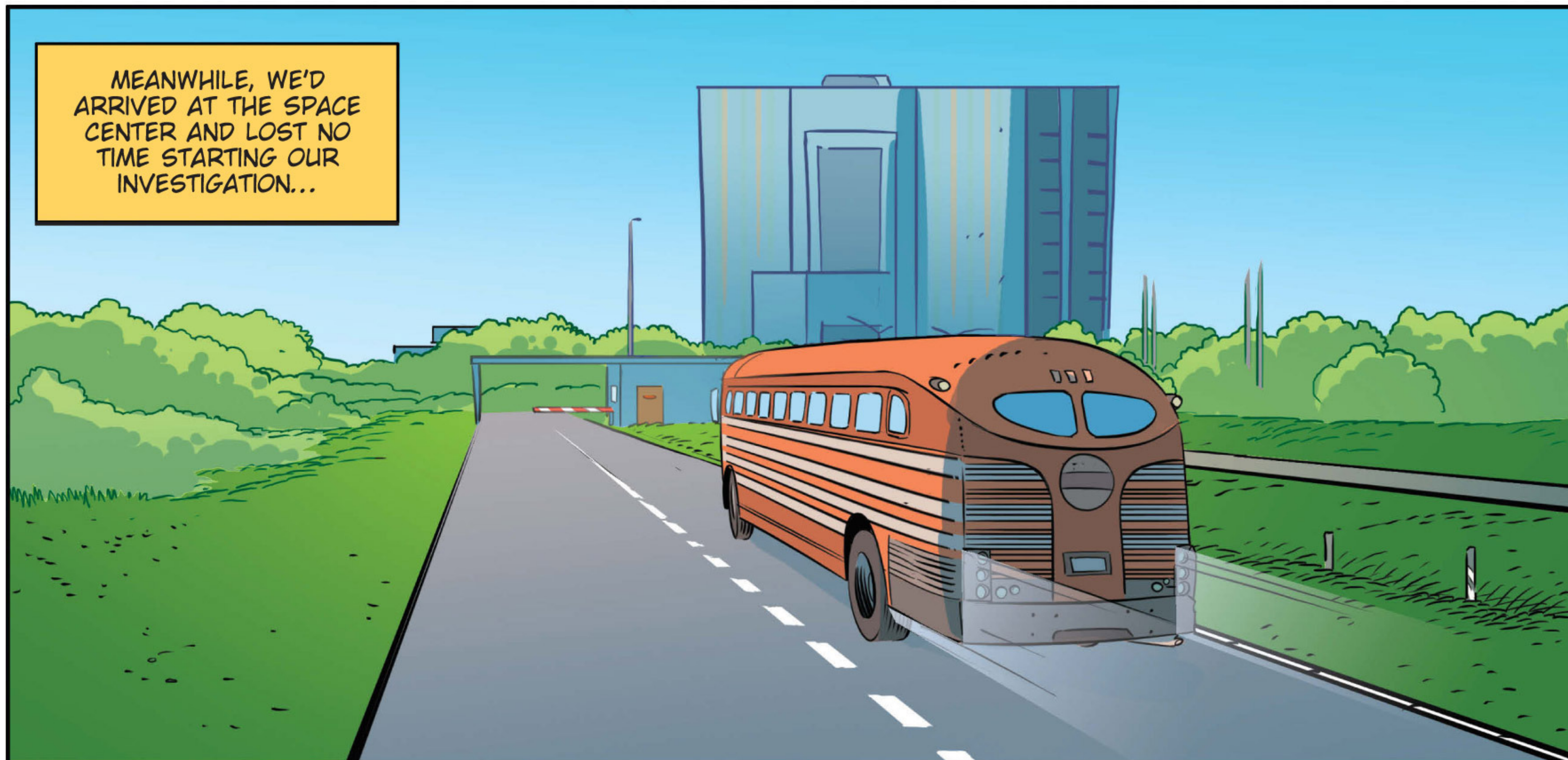
SLAM

YES, BUT MEOW DOWN.* OTHERWISE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET PAST THE GUARD.

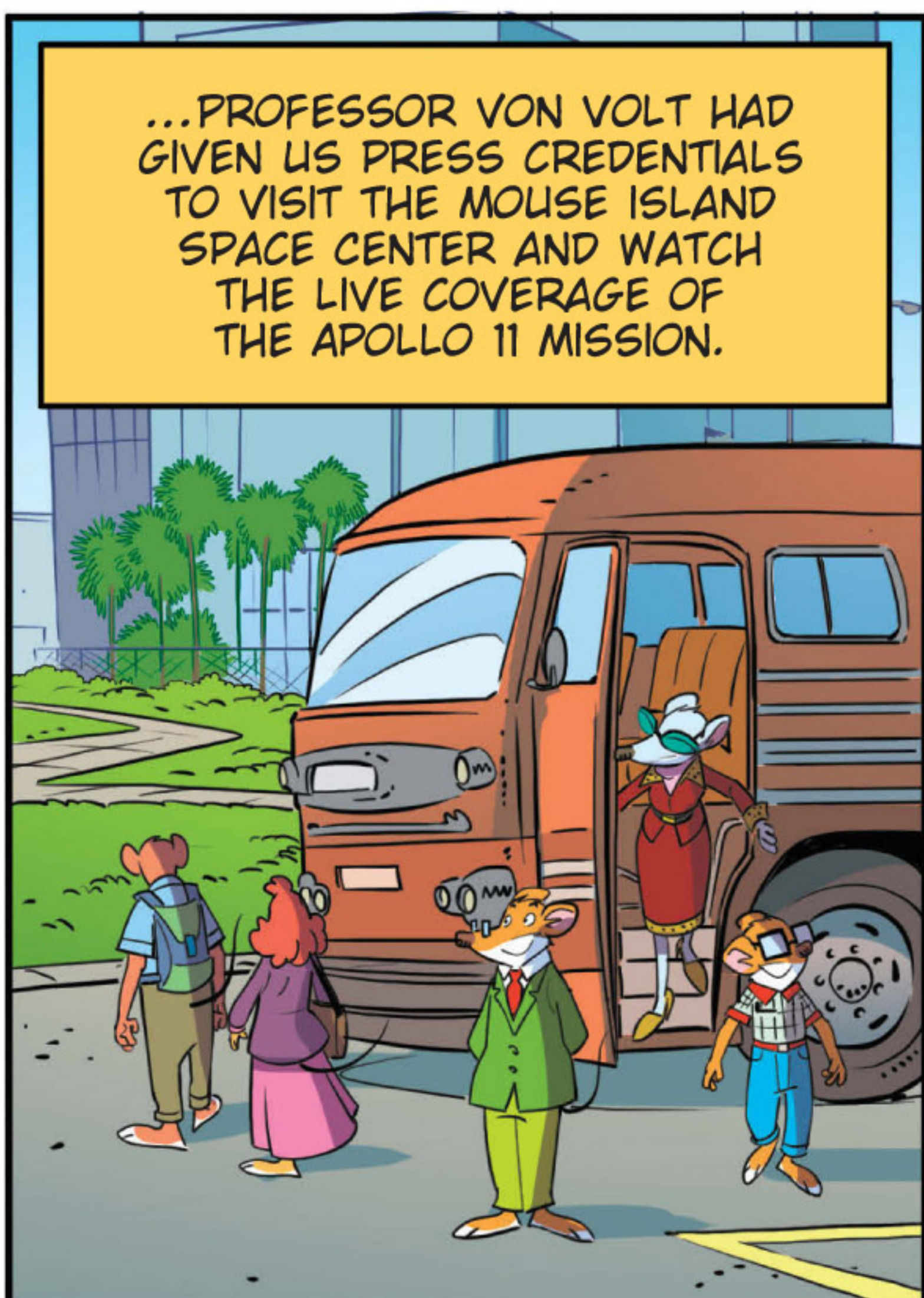
*CALM DOWN

THIS TIME, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP US!

MEANWHILE, WE'D
ARRIVED AT THE SPACE
CENTER AND LOST NO
TIME STARTING OUR
INVESTIGATION...



...PROFESSOR VON VOLT HAD
GIVEN US PRESS CREDENTIALS
TO VISIT THE MOUSE ISLAND
SPACE CENTER AND WATCH
THE LIVE COVERAGE OF
THE APOLLO 11 MISSION.



MEMBERS OF THE
PRESS, THANK YOU FOR
BEING HERE WITH US
TO WITNESS THIS
HISTORICAL EVENT. IF
YOU'LL FOLLOW ME...



LOOK AT HOW MANY JET
HANGARS THERE ARE!
I BET THERE ARE A
HUNDRED ROCKETS
READY TO GO!

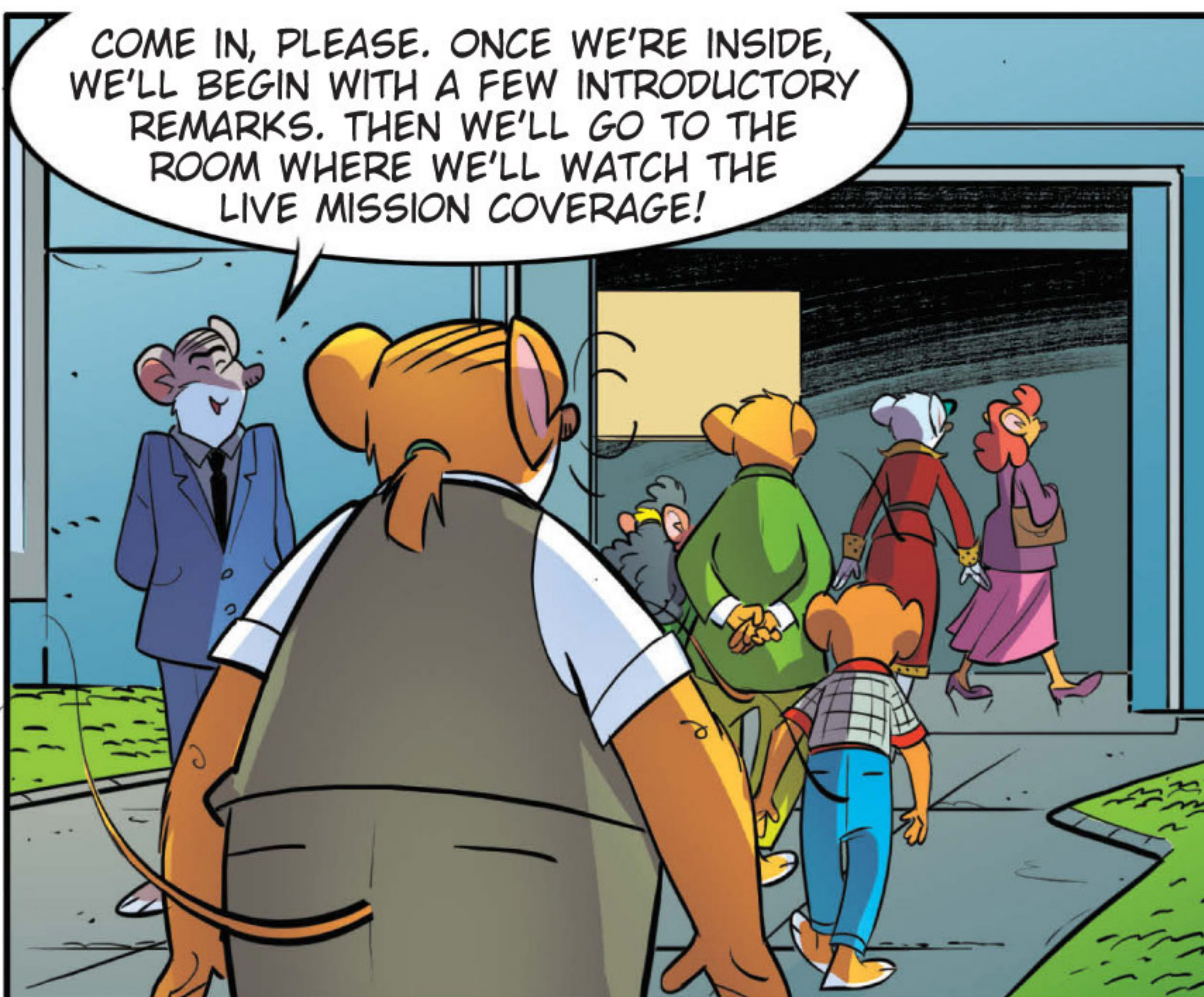
ISN'T THE
SPEEDRAT
ENOUGH FOR
YOU?

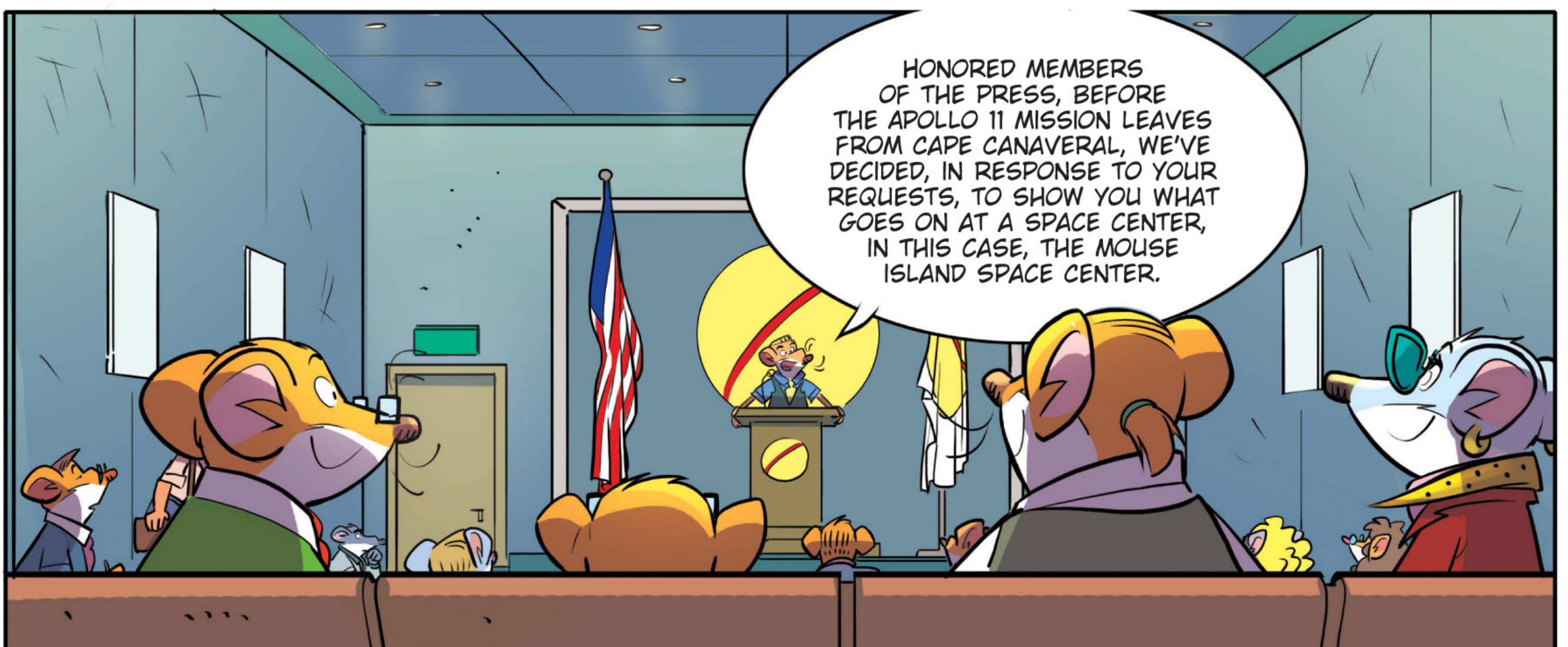
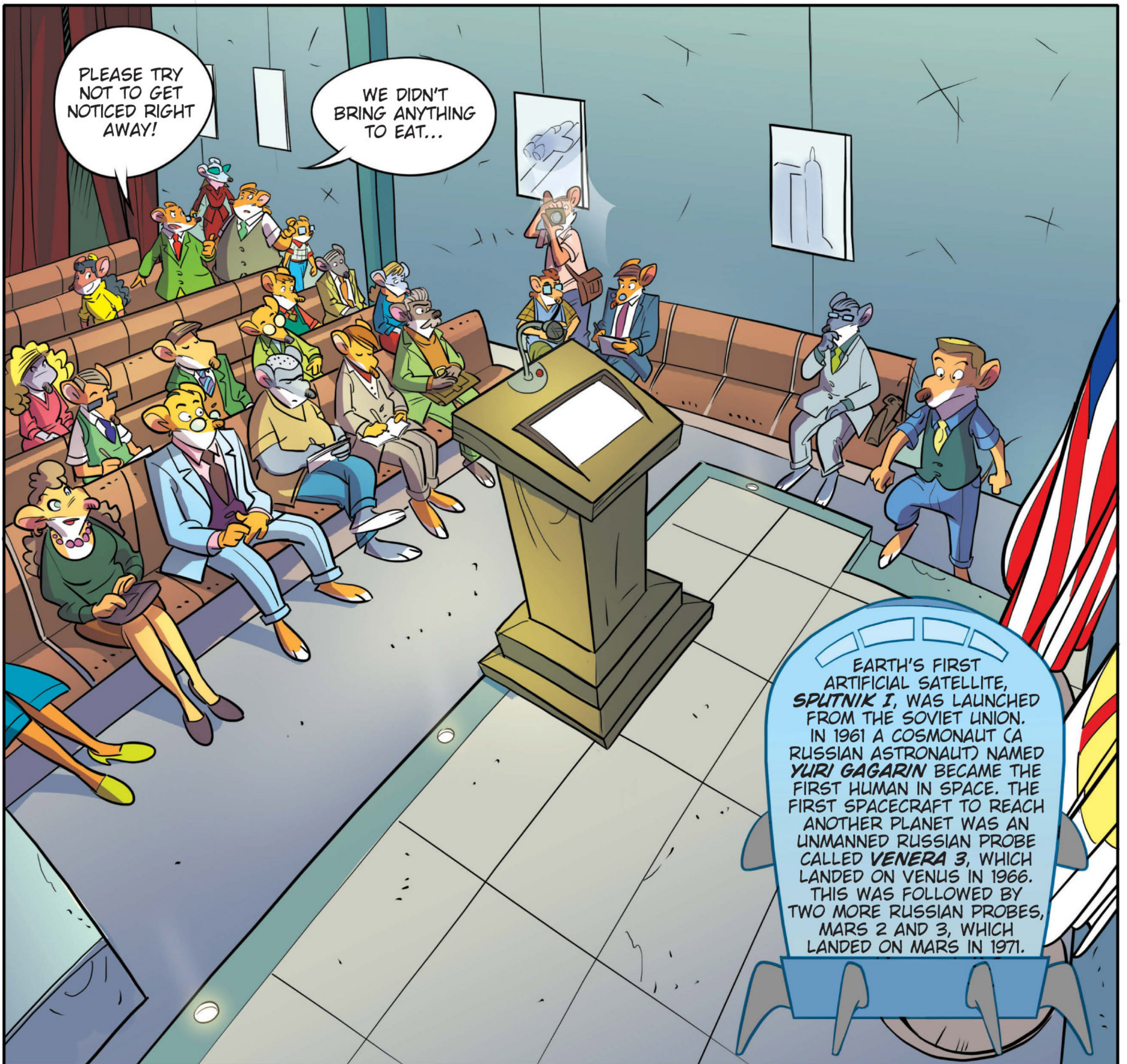


YES, OF COURSE!
LET'S HOPE NO ONE
SEES IT BEHIND
THOSE BUSHES.
I WOULDN'T WANT
SOMEONE TO
FIND IT!

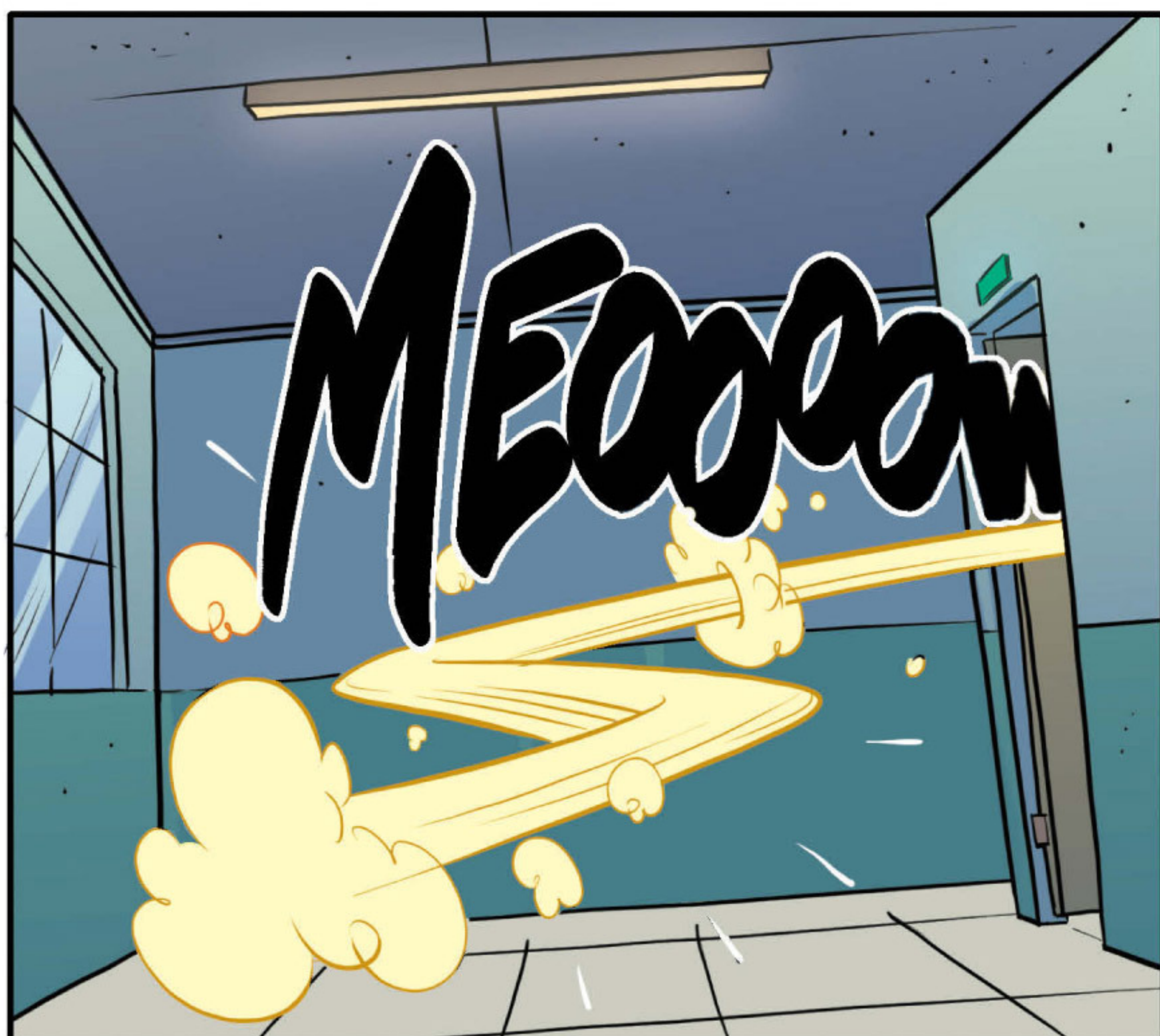


COME IN, PLEASE. ONCE WE'RE INSIDE,
WE'LL BEGIN WITH A FEW INTRODUCTORY
REMARKS. THEN WE'LL GO TO THE
ROOM WHERE WE'LL WATCH THE
LIVE MISSION COVERAGE!











HE
DISAPPEARED
INTO THIN AIR!
HOW'D HE
DO THAT?

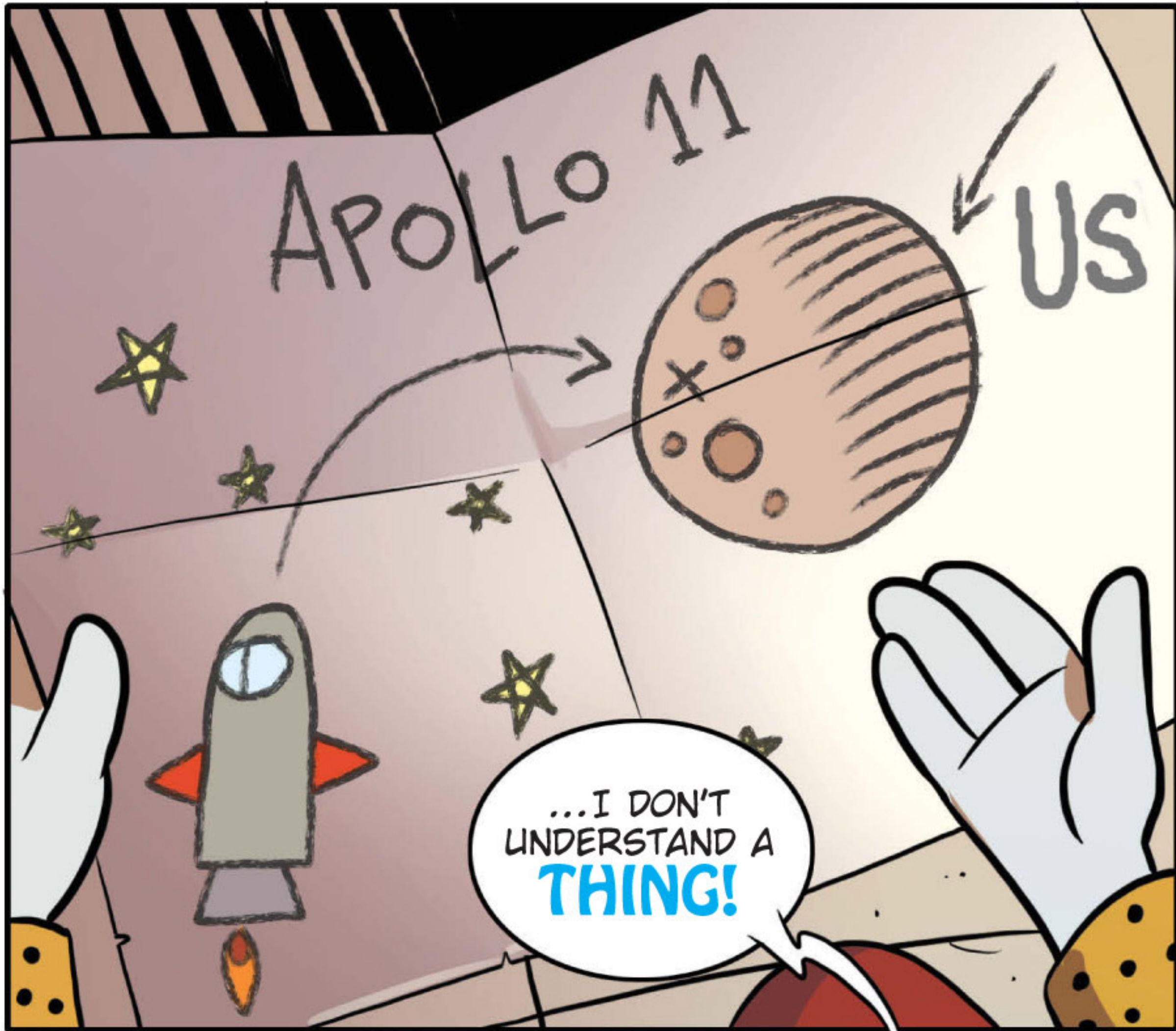


LOOK, HE
DROPPED
SOMETHING
WHEN HE RAN
AWAY!



WHAT'S
WRITTEN
ON IT?

IT DEFINITELY
BELONGS TO
THE PIRATE
CATS, BUT...



...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND A
THING!



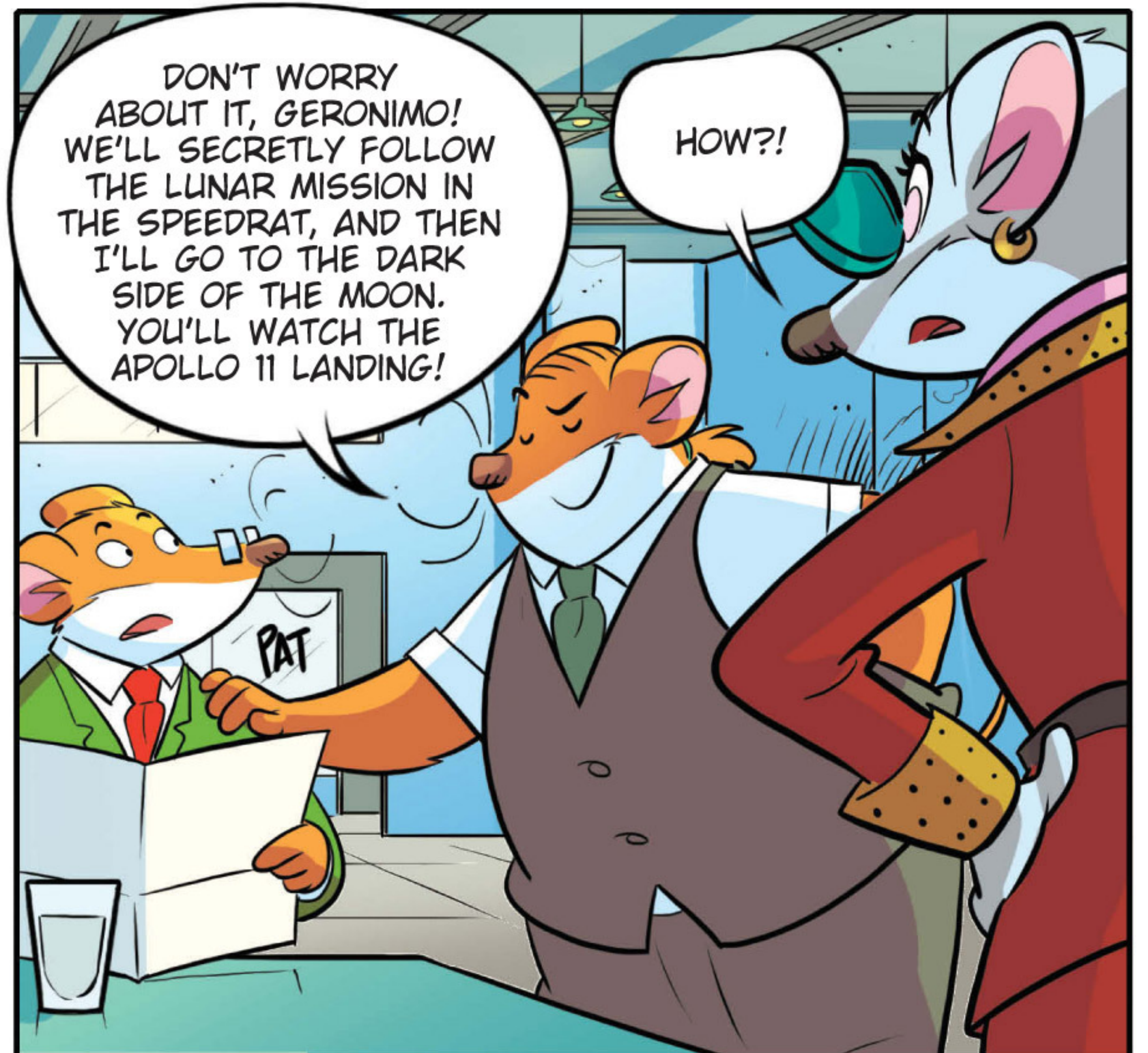
AT LEAST
WE'VE GOT
CONFIRMATION
THAT THE PIRATE
CATS ARE GOING
TO THE MOON.
WE'VE GOT TO
WARN GERONIMO!

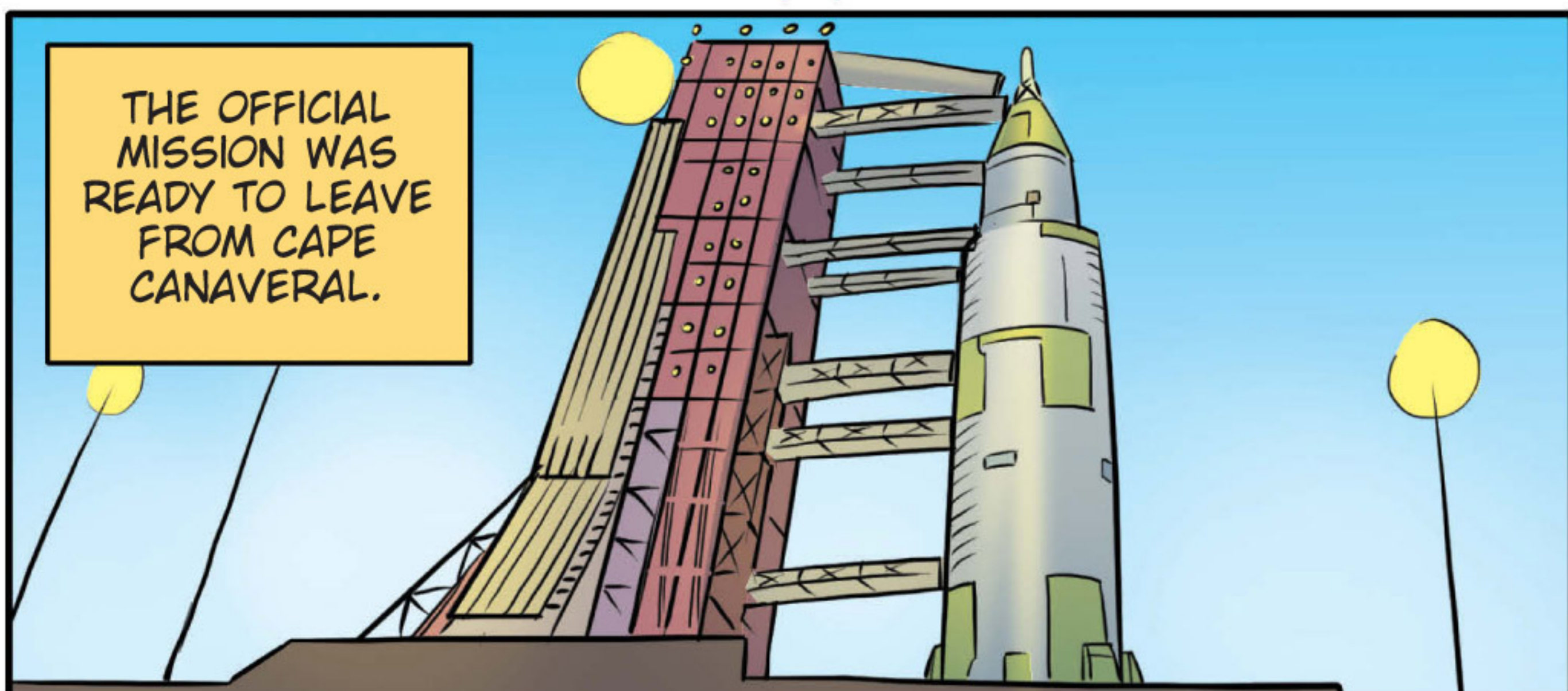
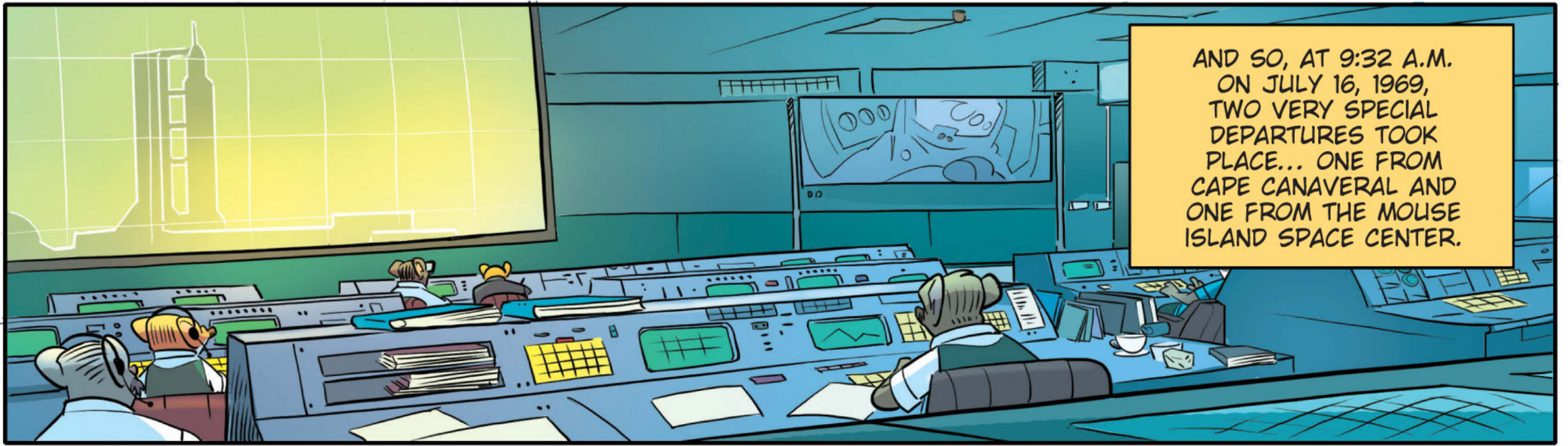


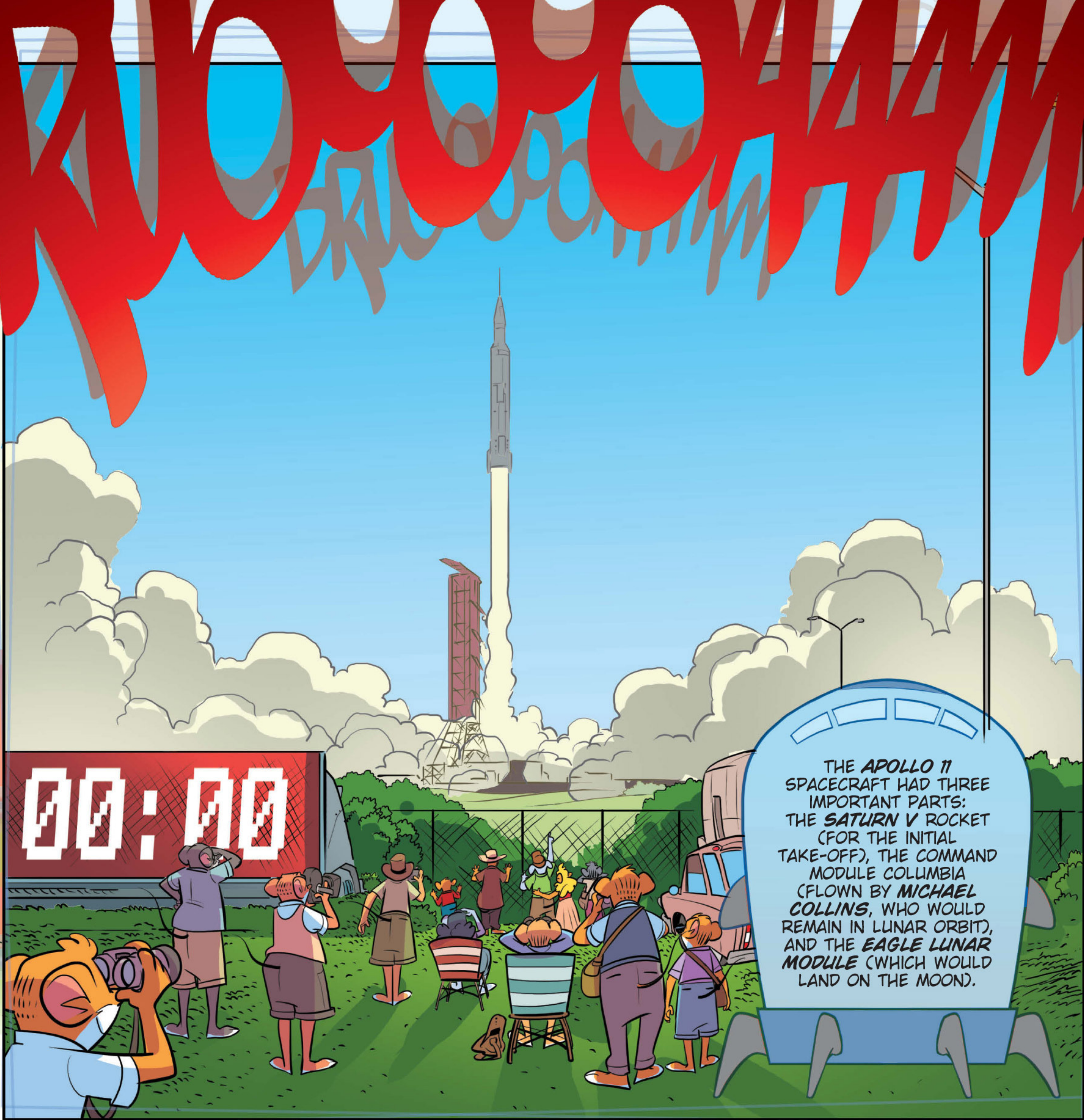
THEY'VE SEEN OUR
PLAN...->CHOMP<... BUT,
WE STILL HAVE WHAT WE
NEED...->CHOMP<... TO
MODIFY THE CATJET FOR
SPACE...->CHOMP<... NOW
WE'RE REALLY READY!

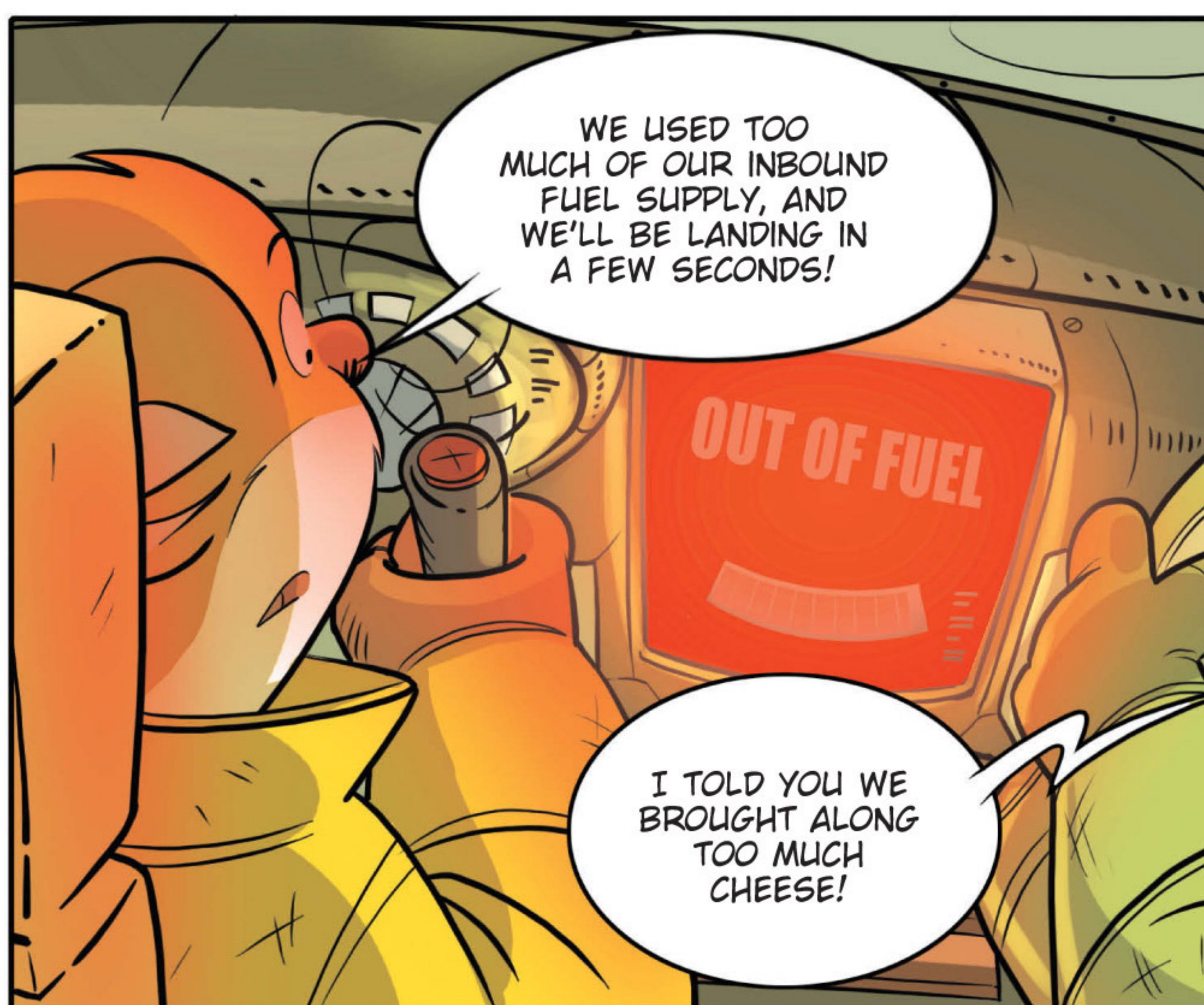
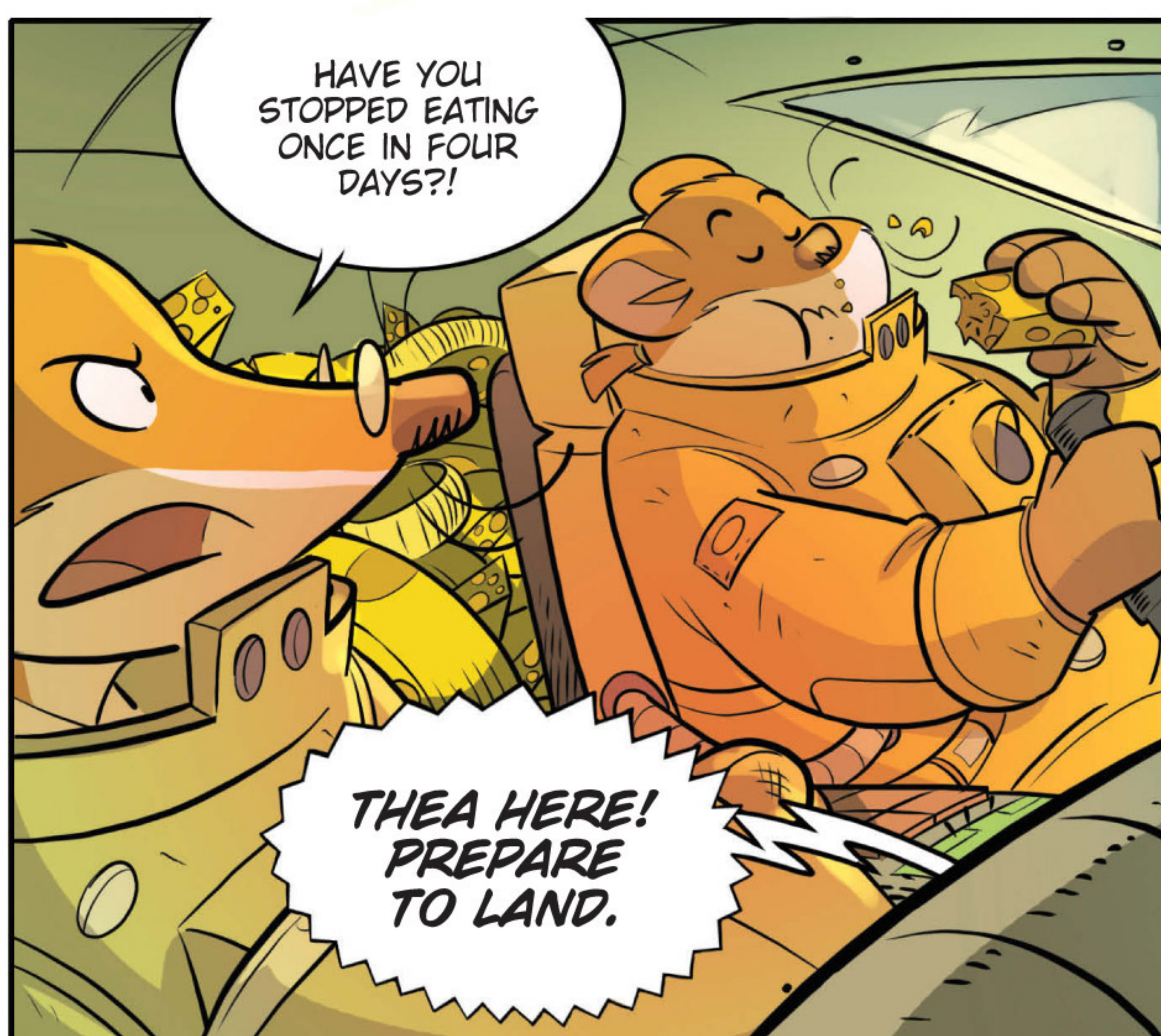


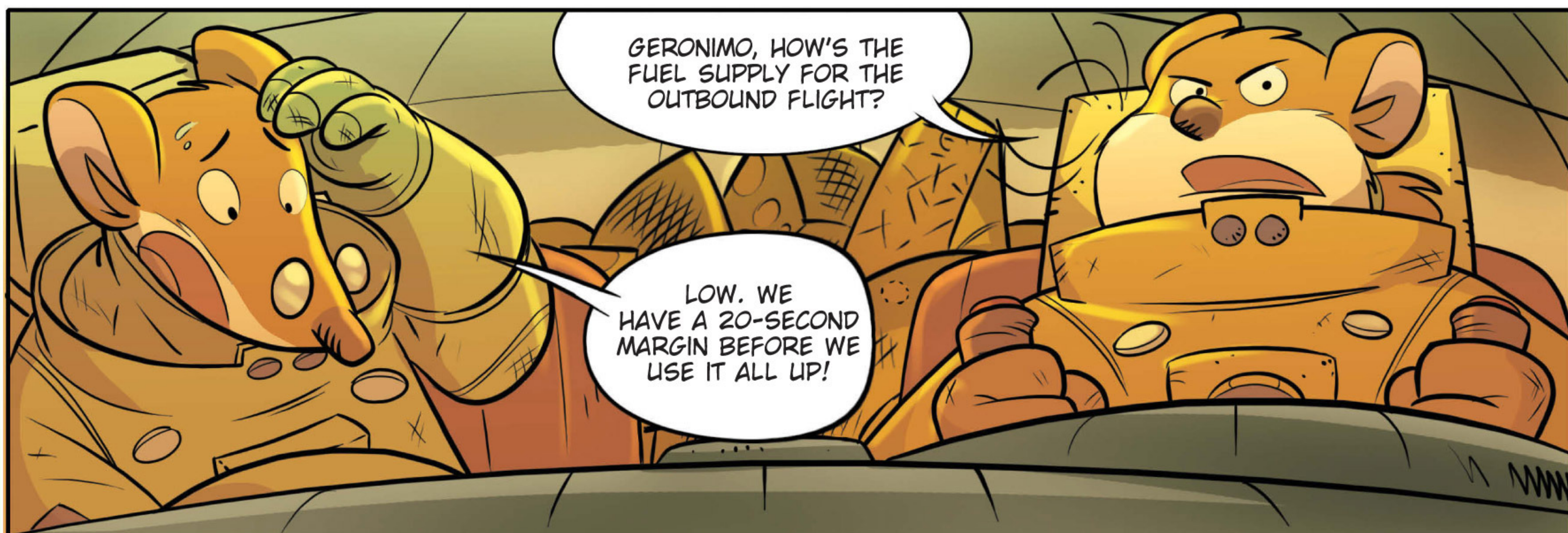
CATARDONE
DOESN'T NEED...
->CHOMP<...
TO KNOW
ABOUT THIS!

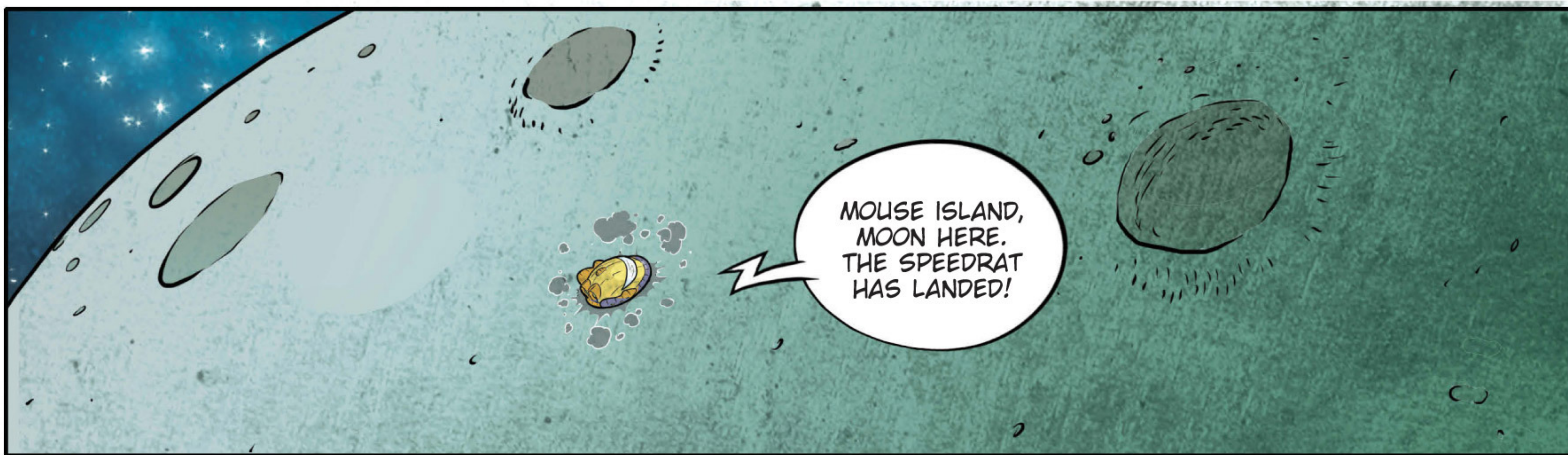
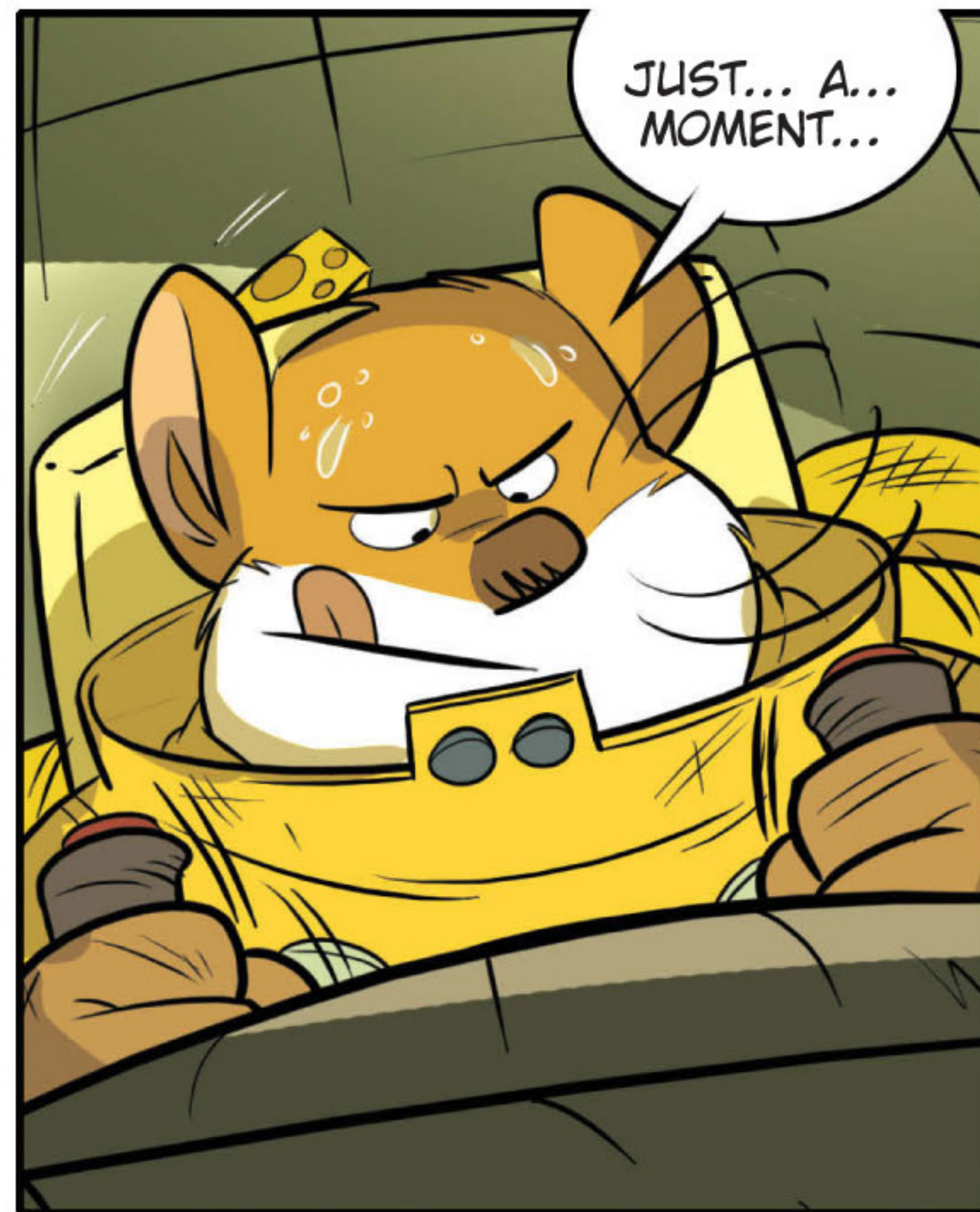
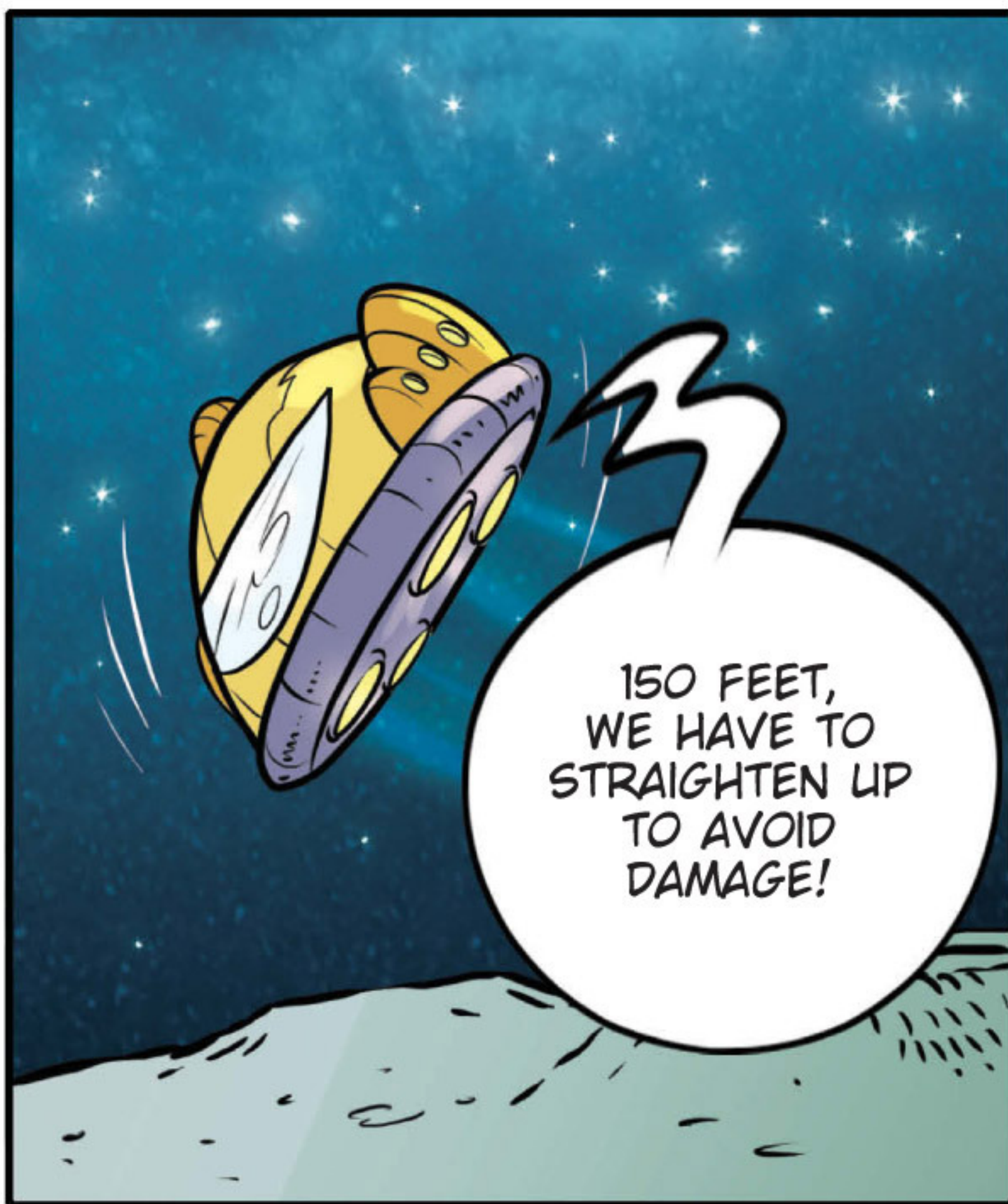


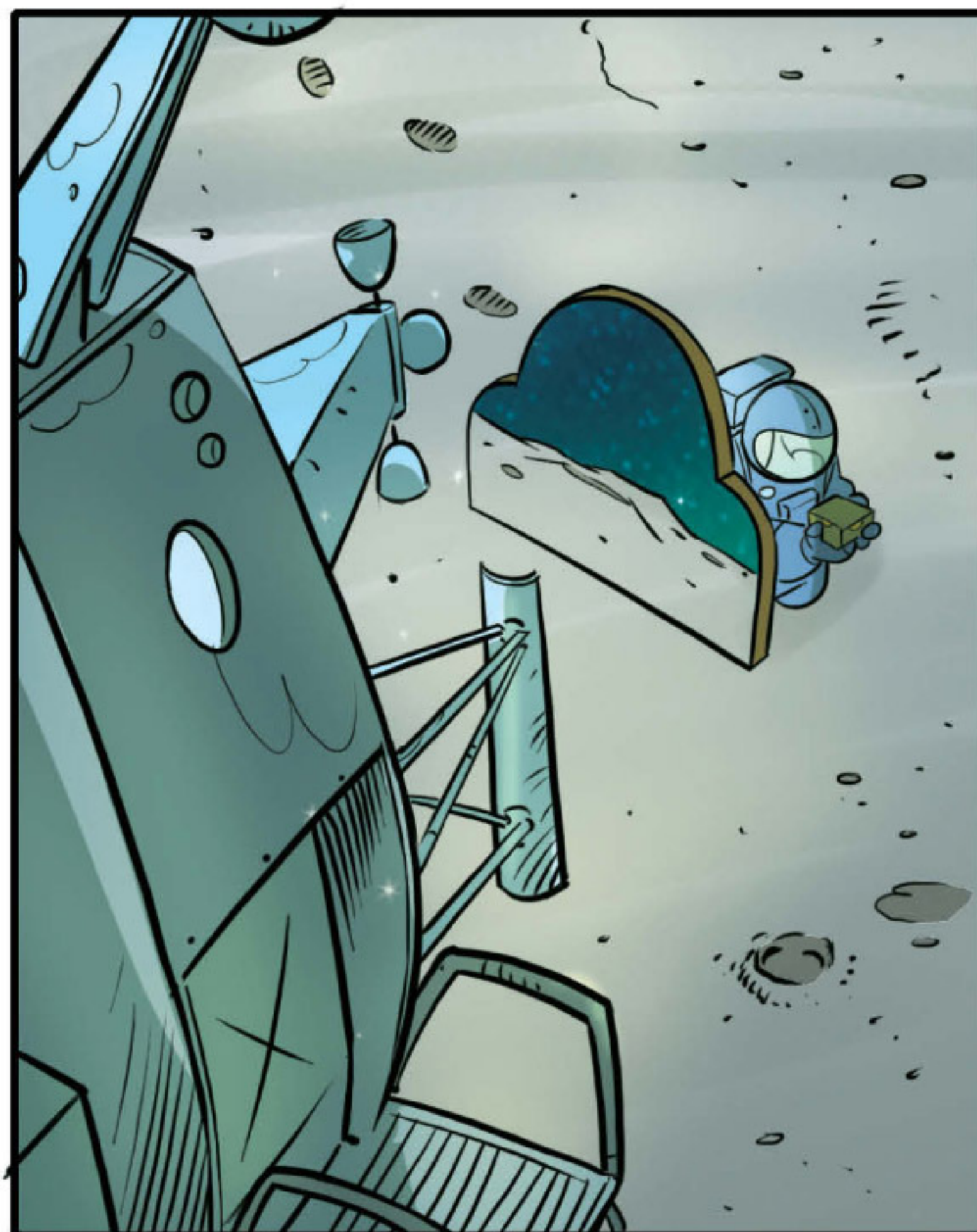
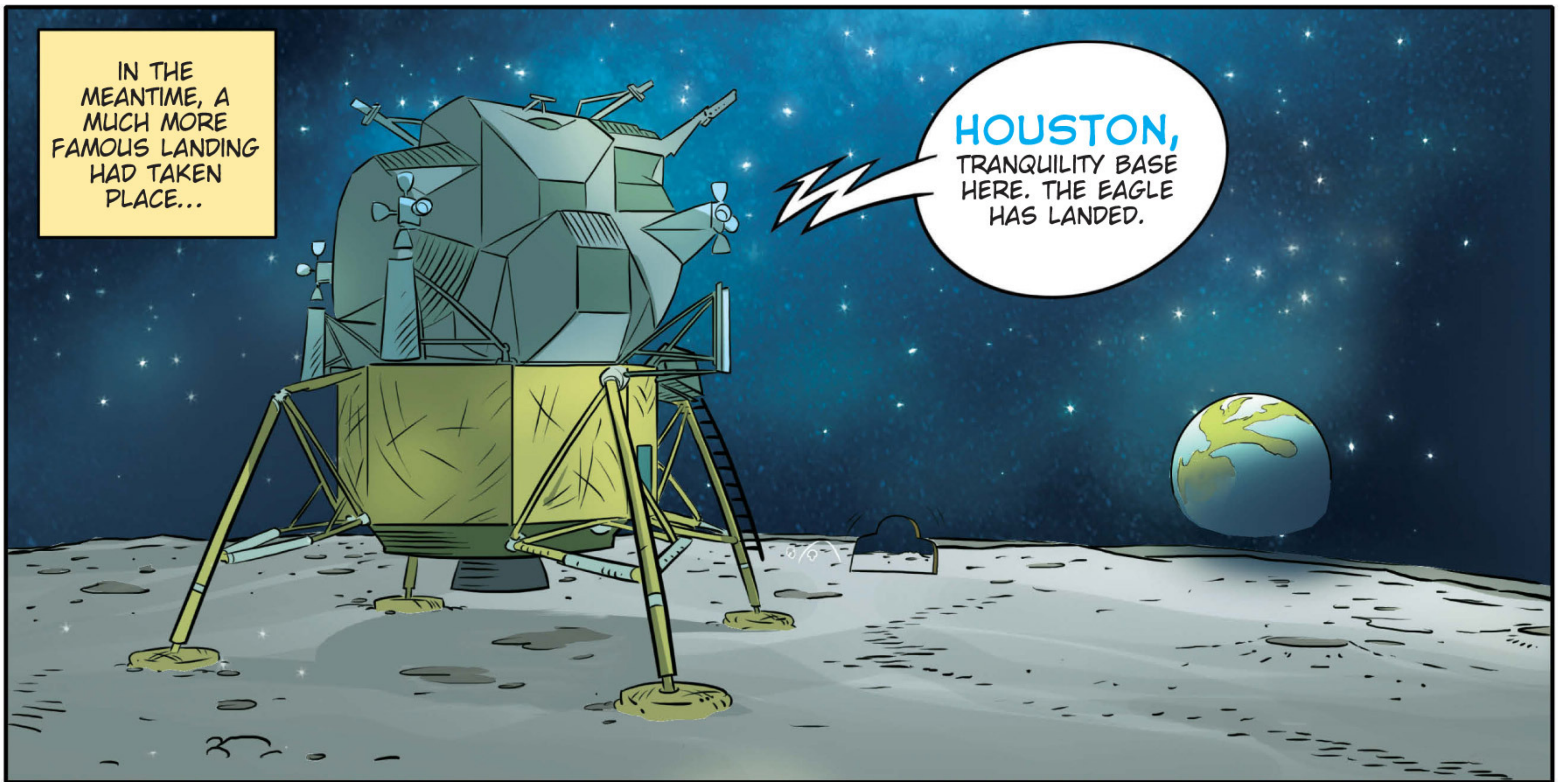


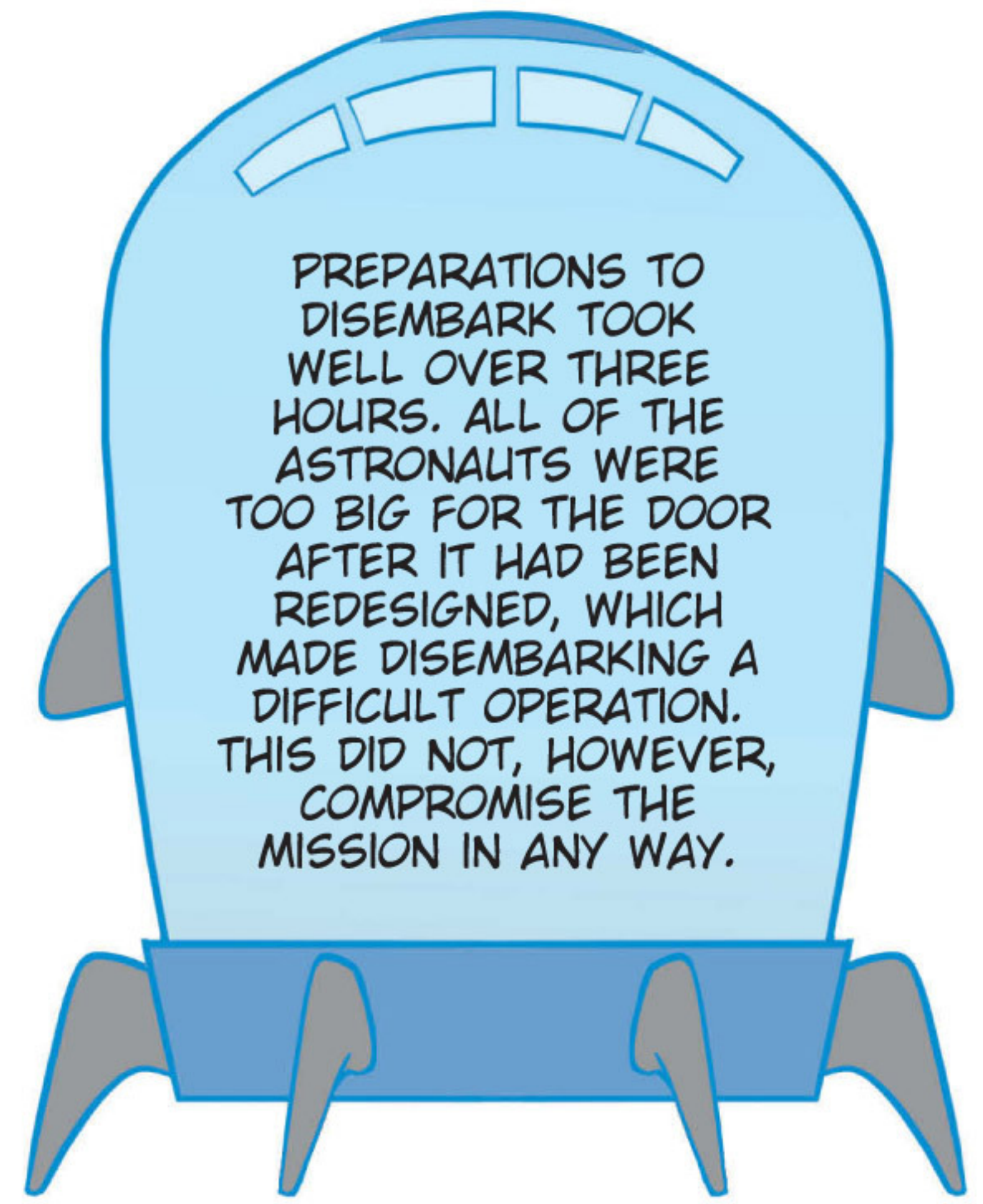
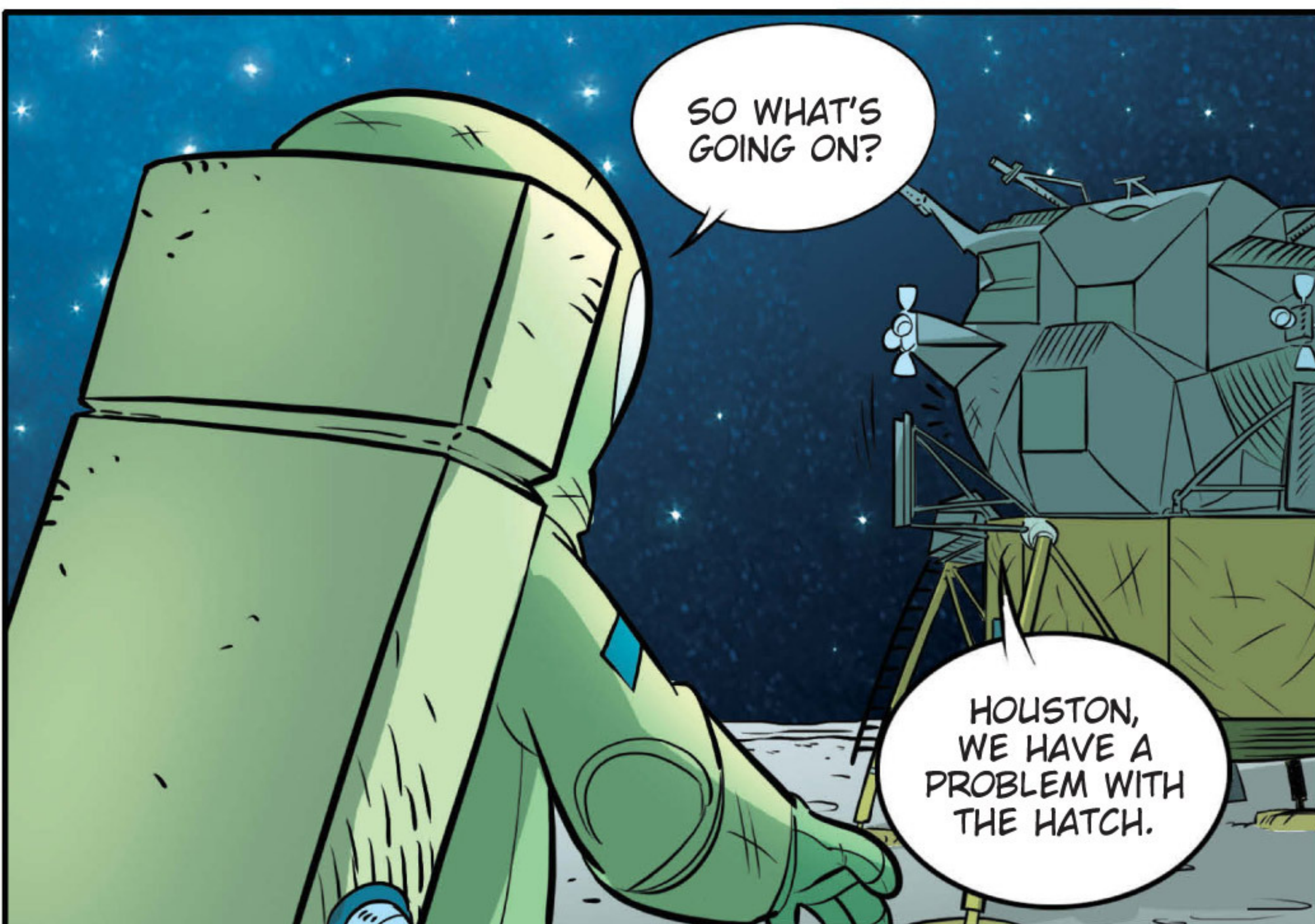
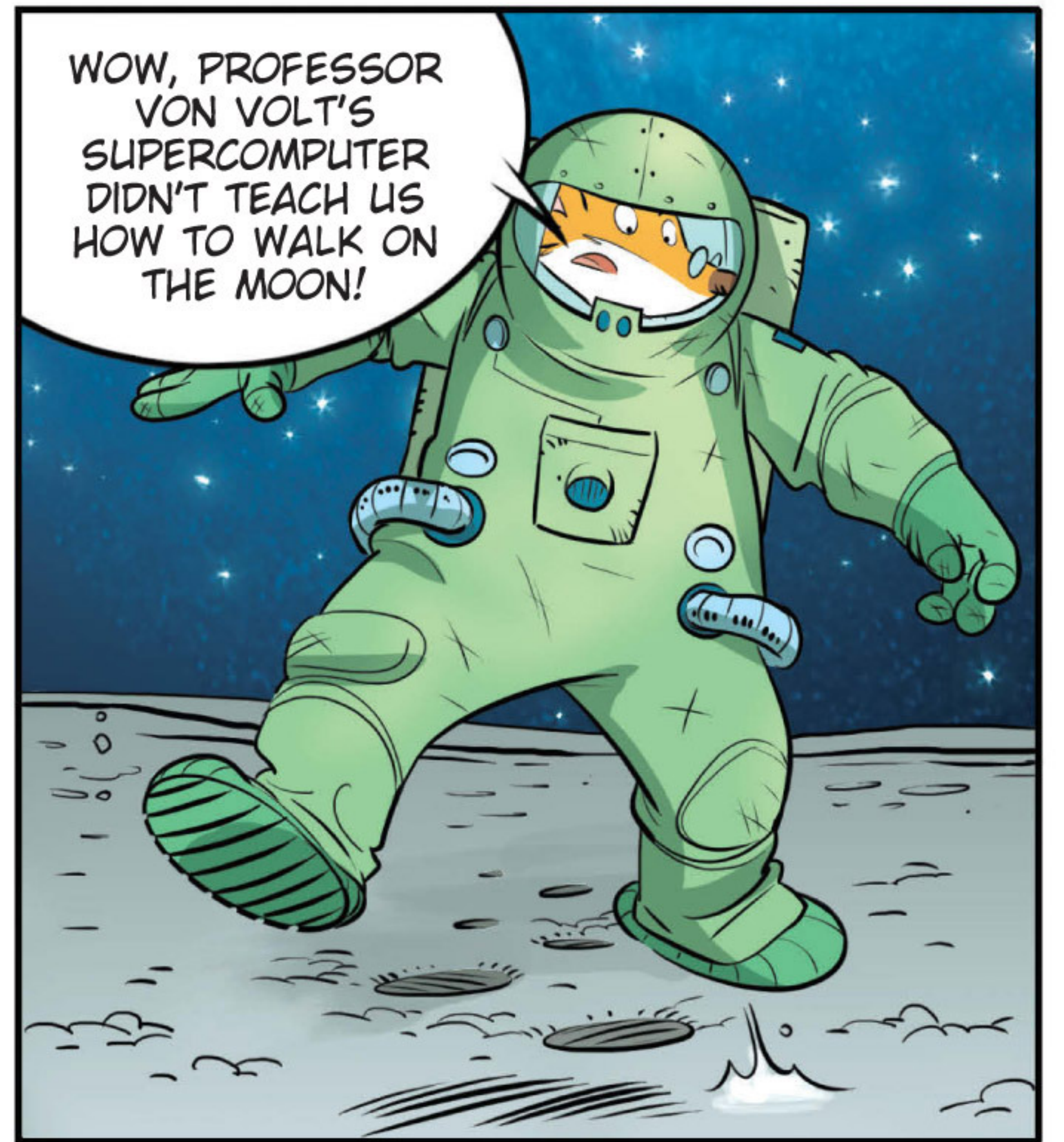
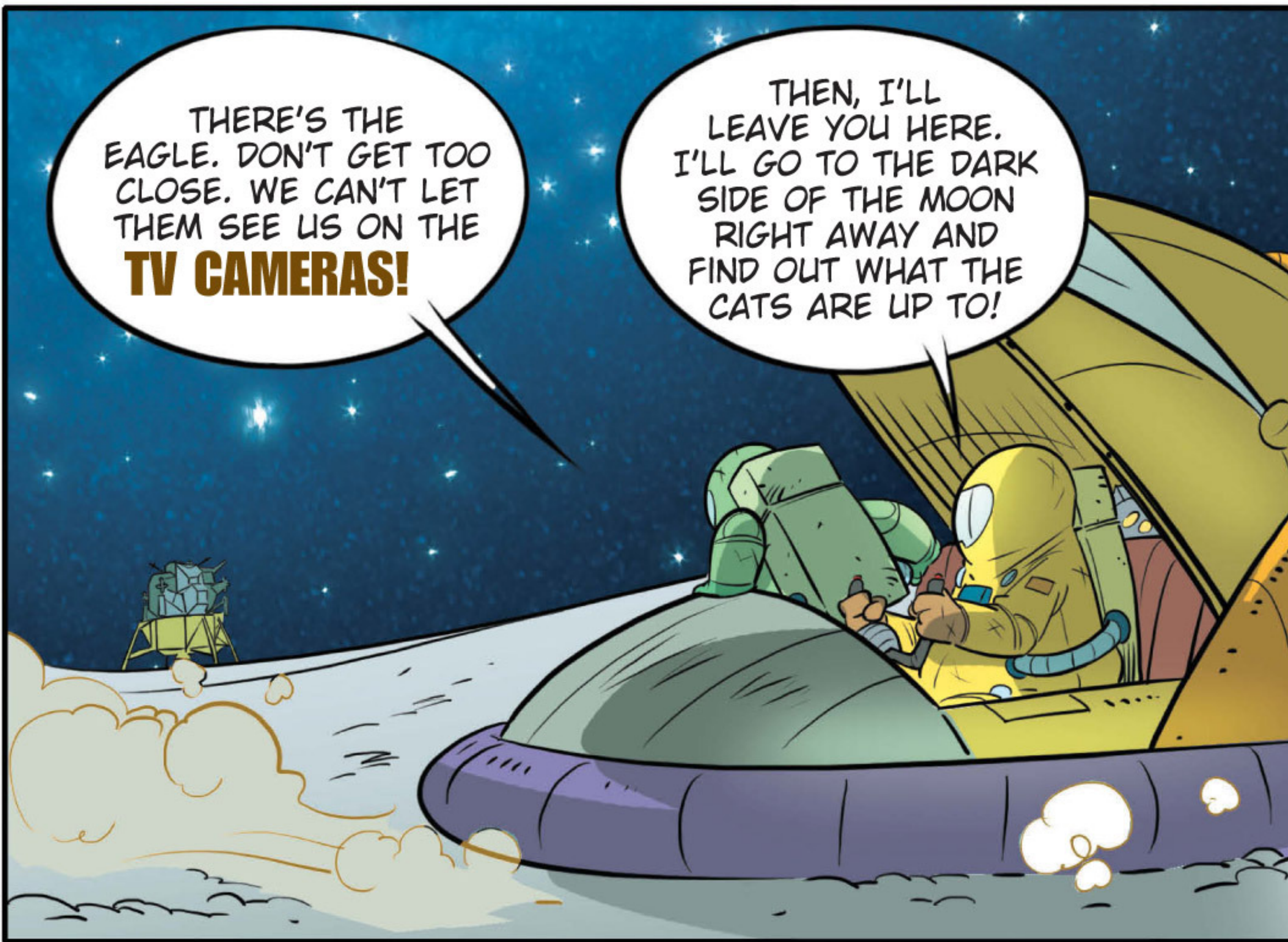
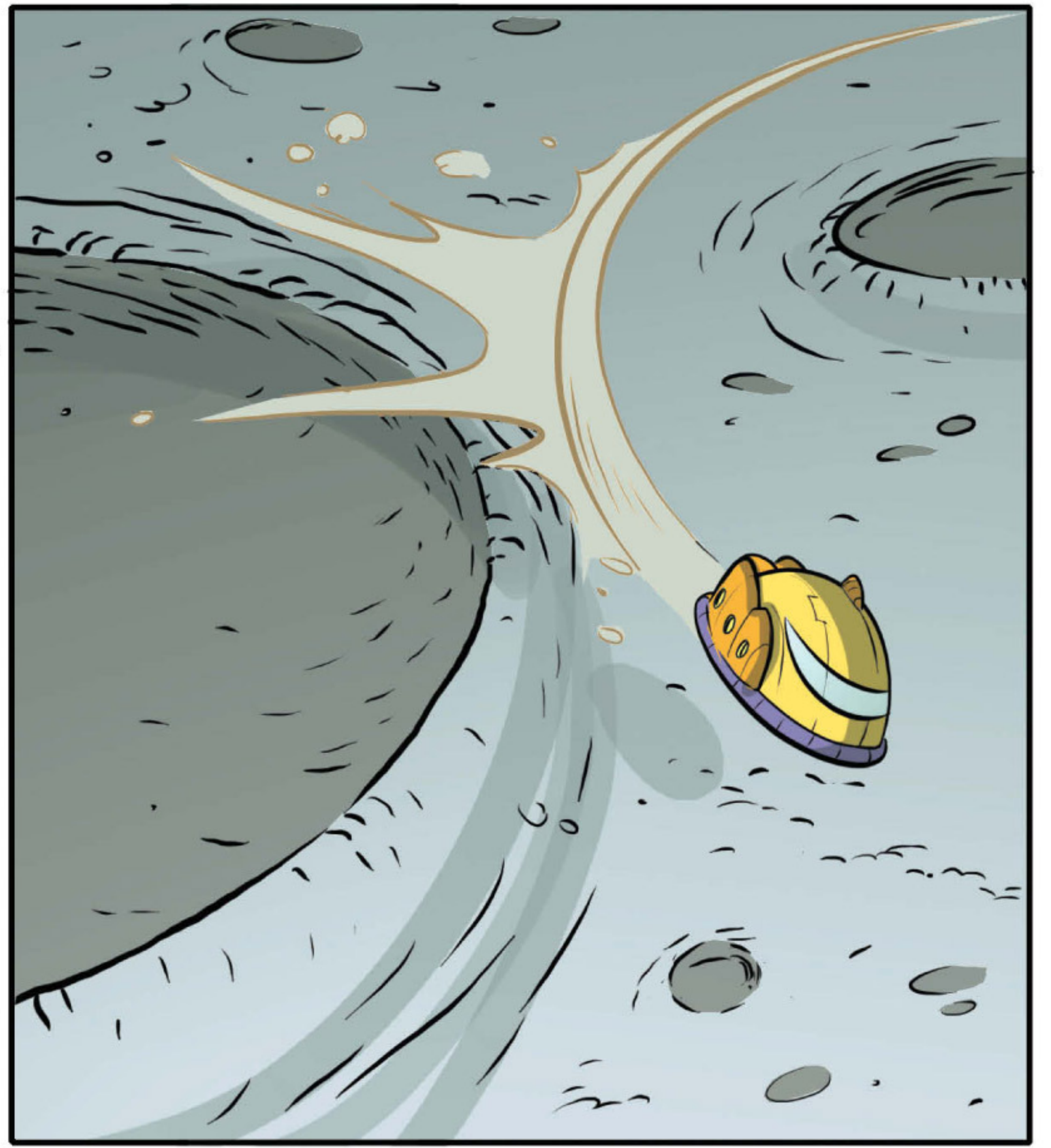


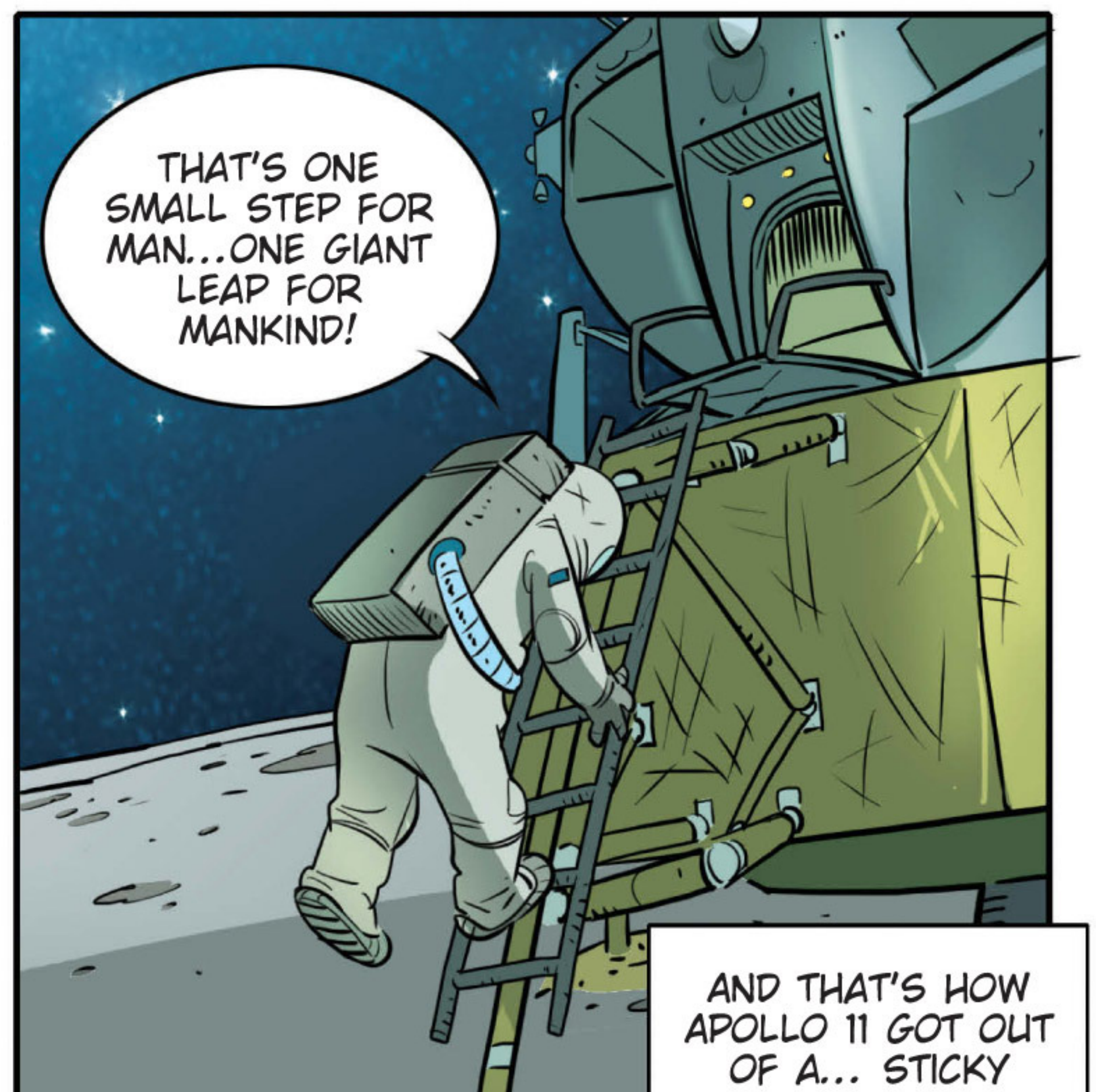
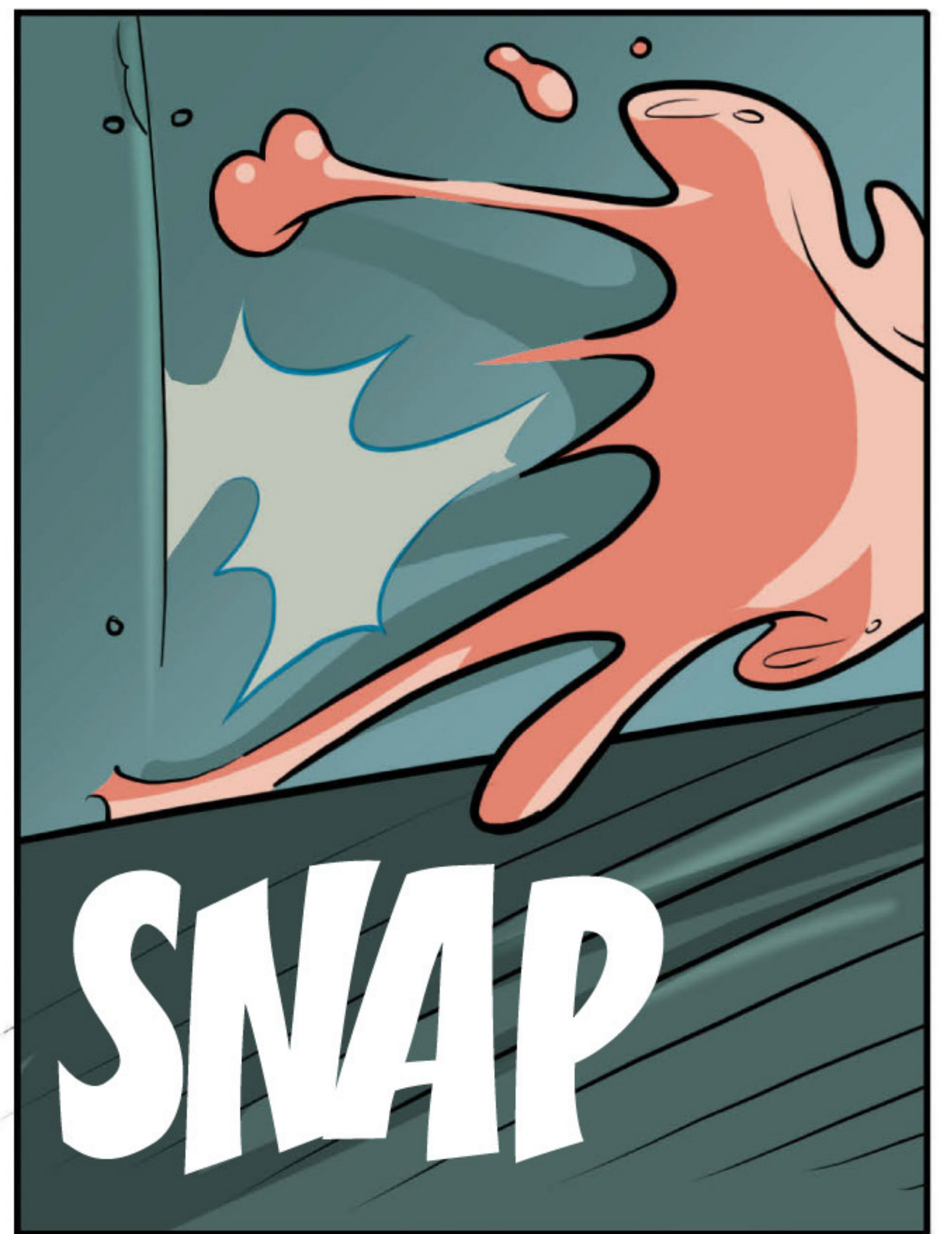
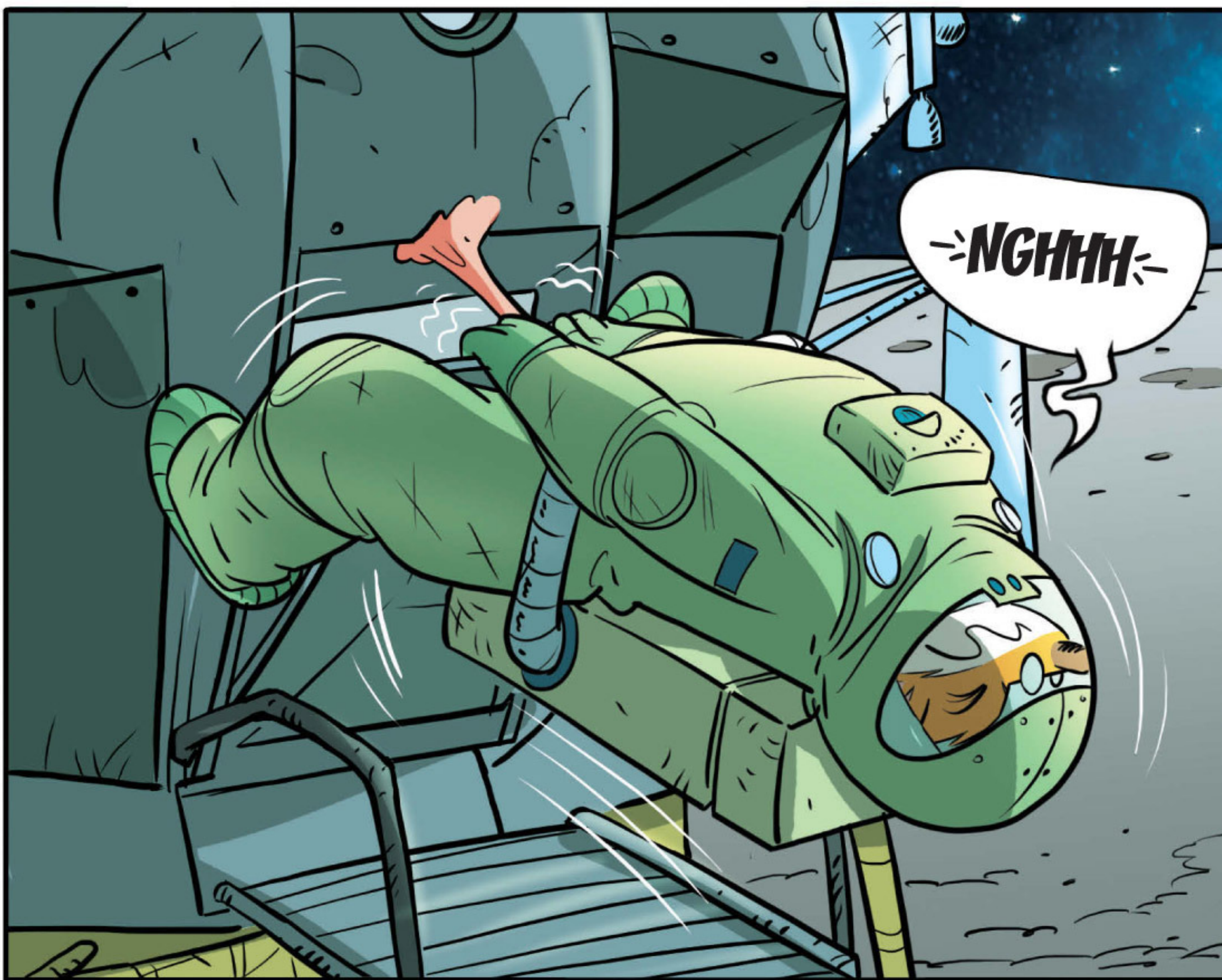
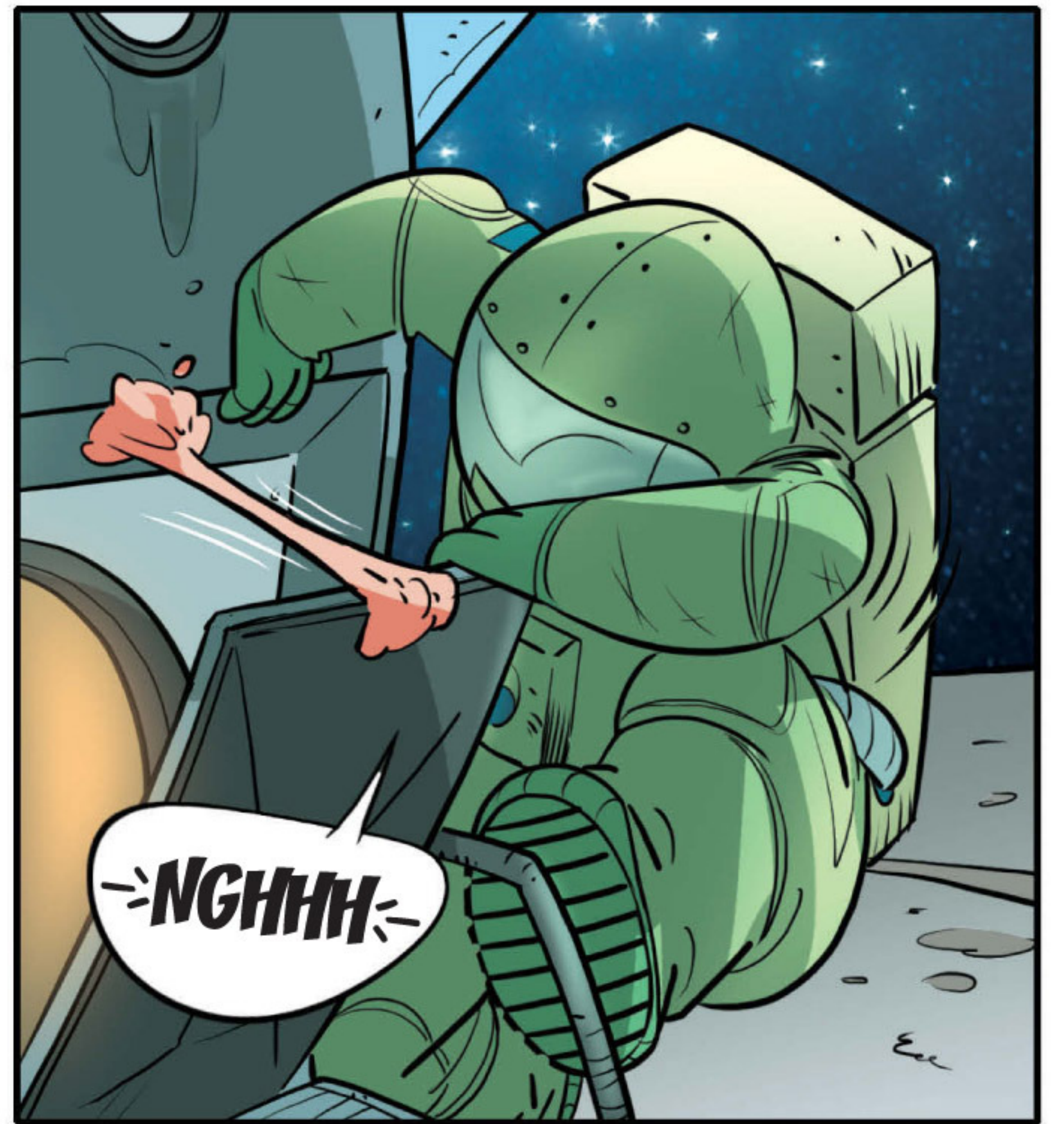


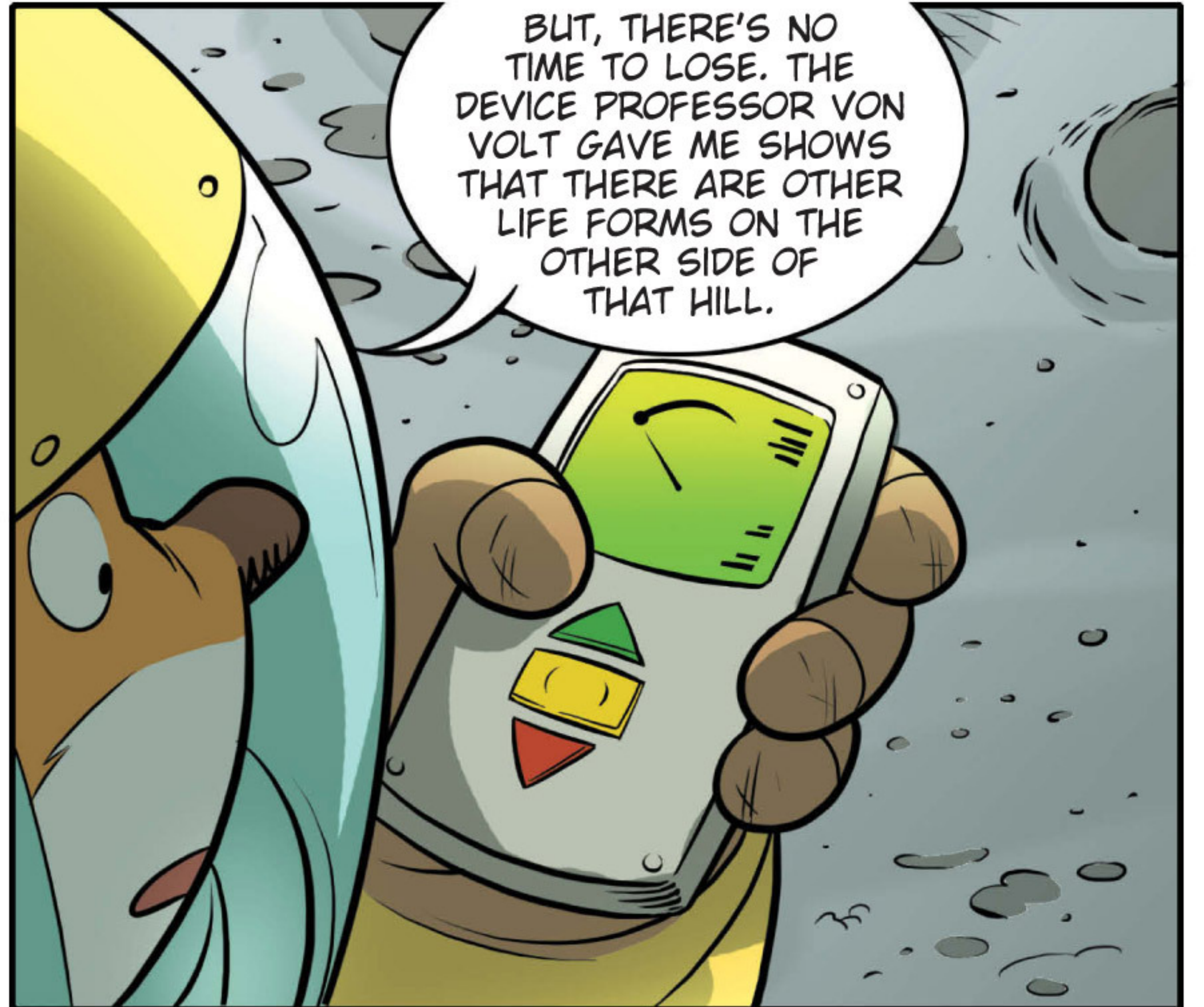
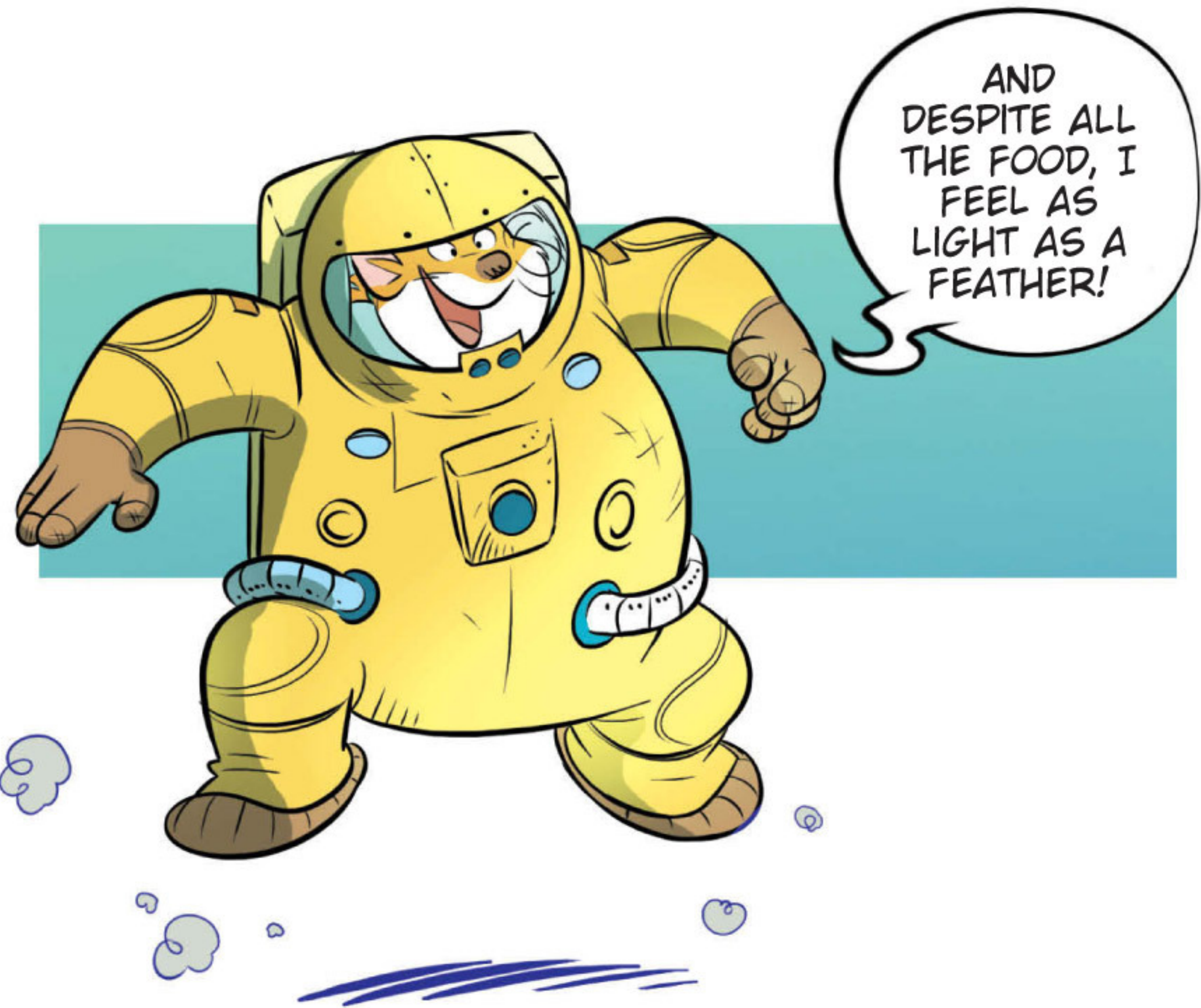
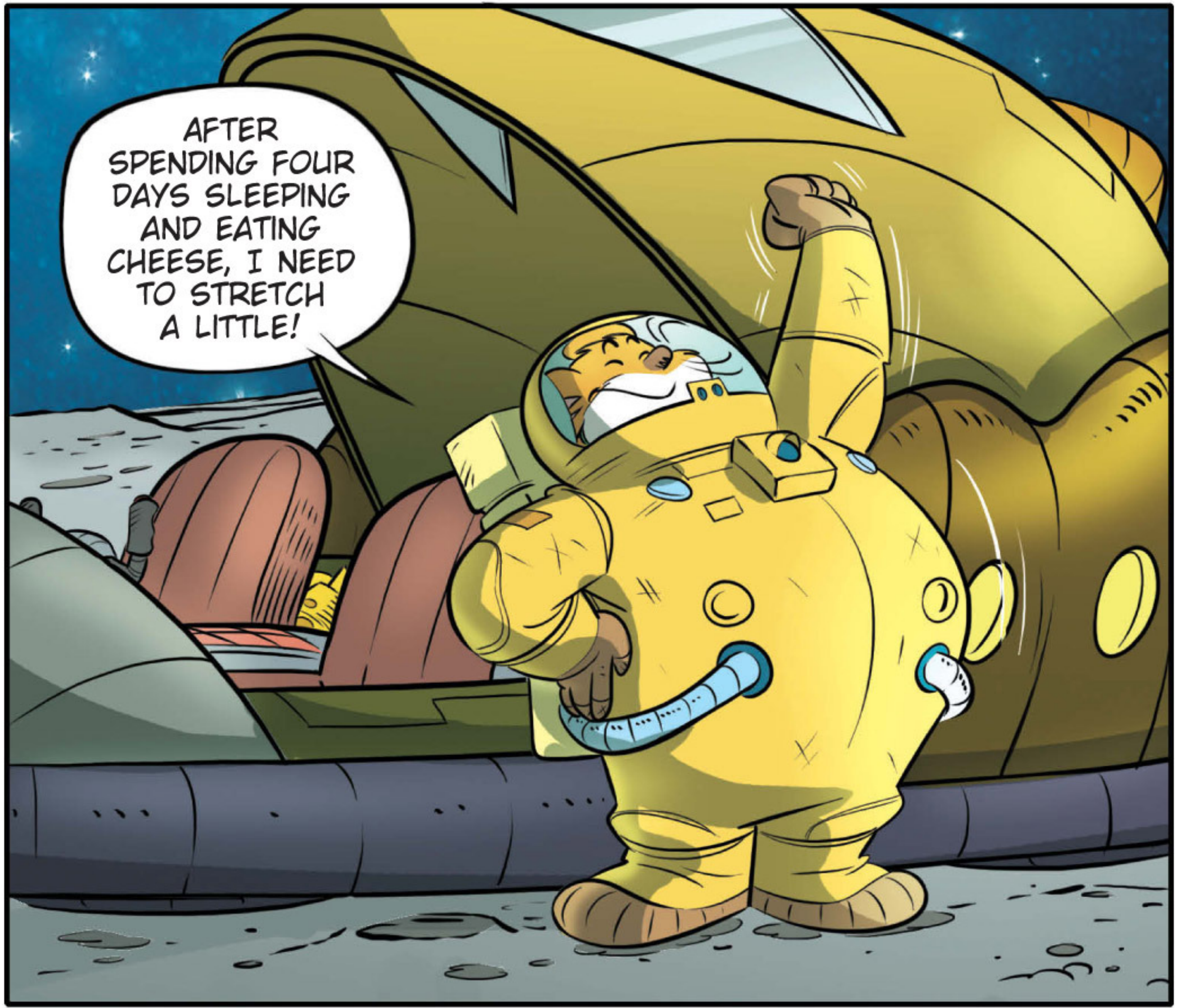


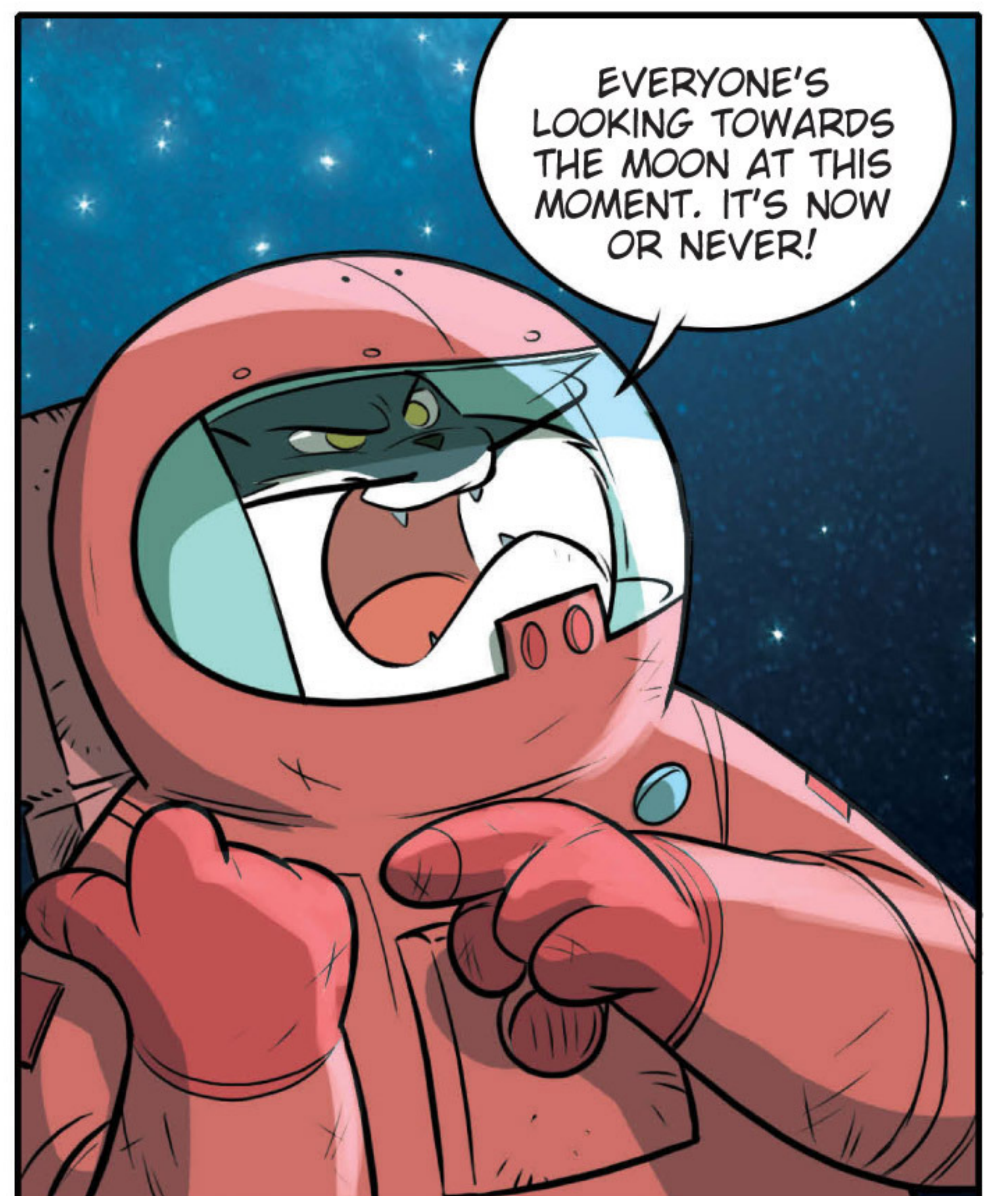
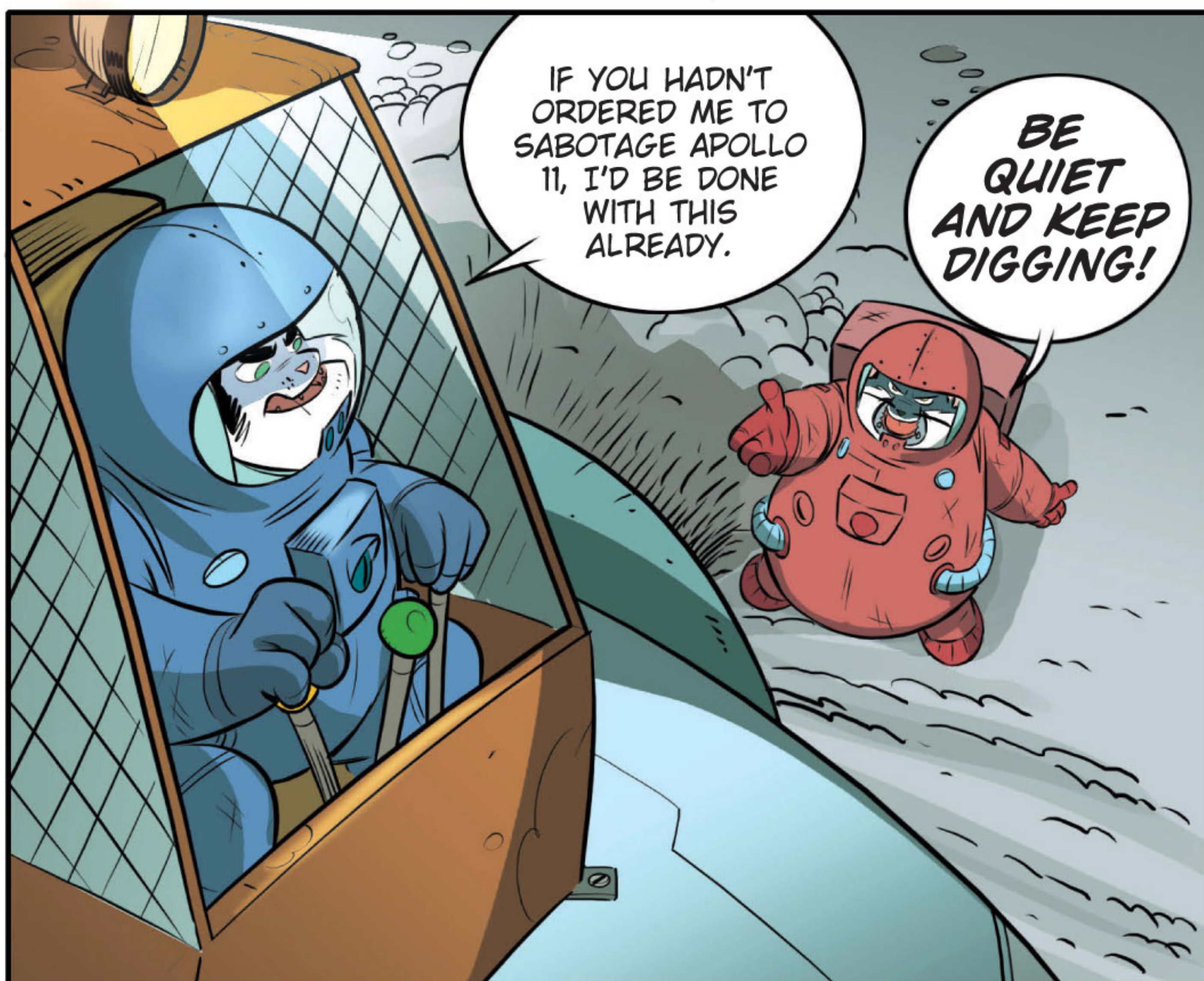
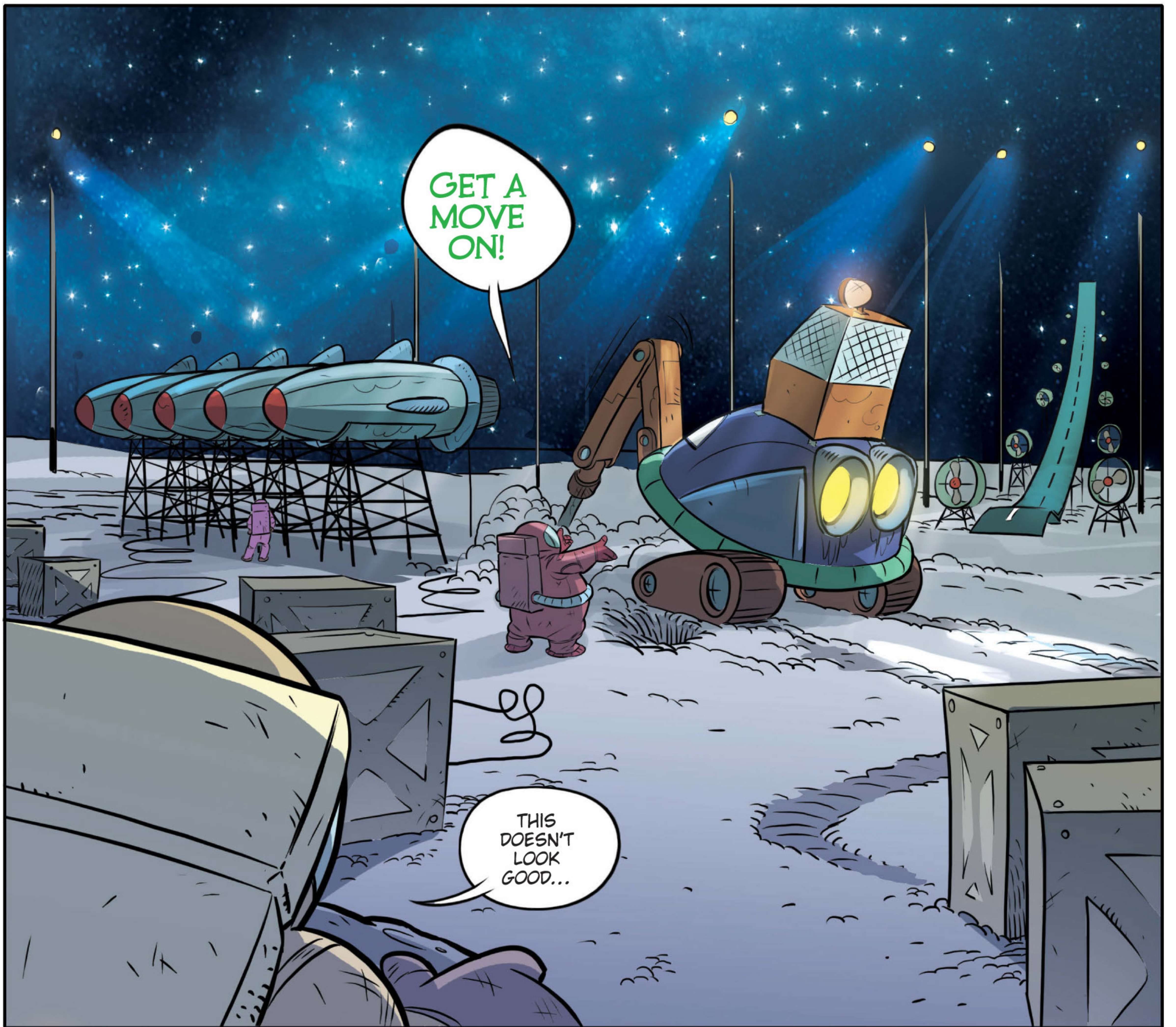


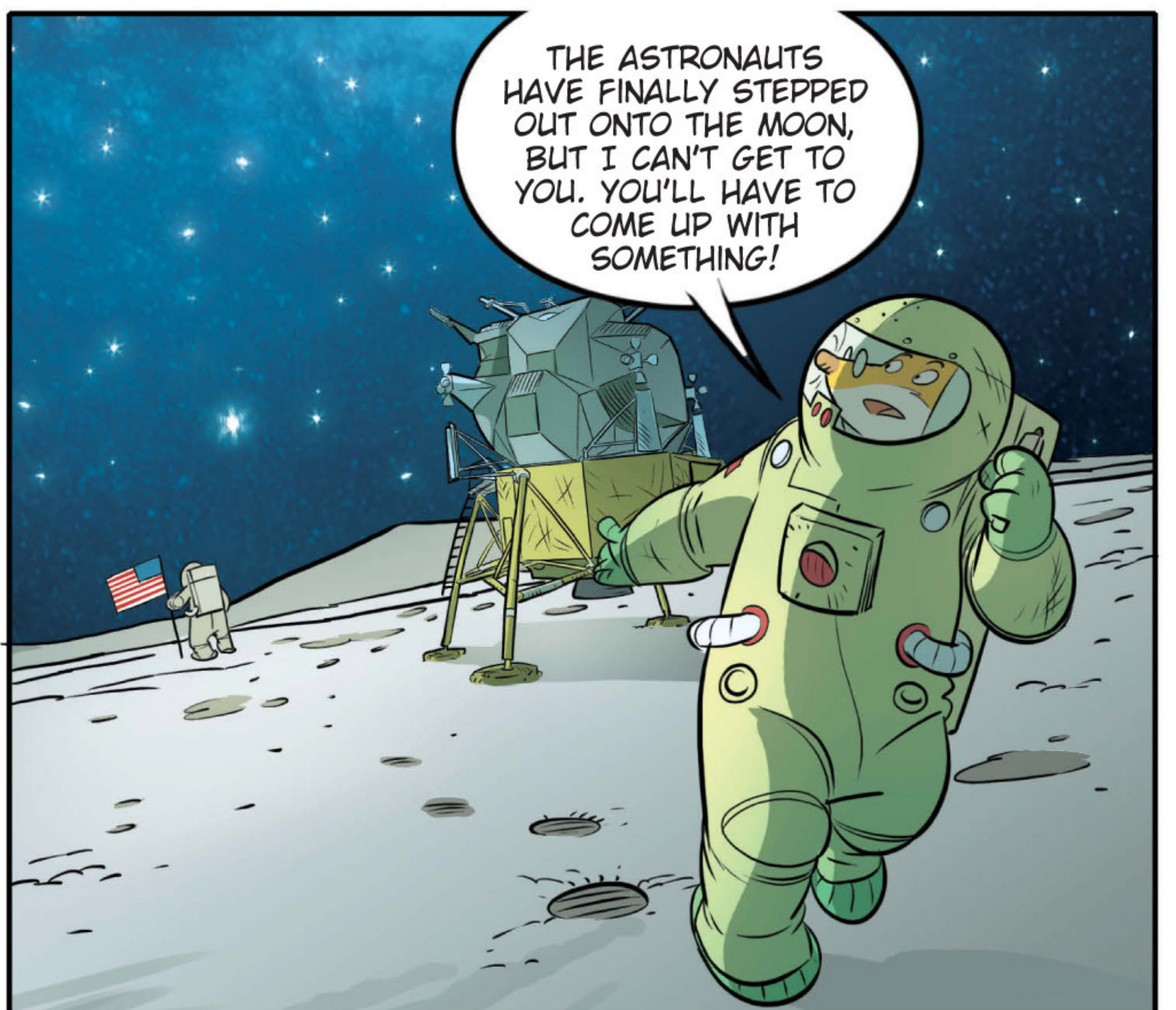


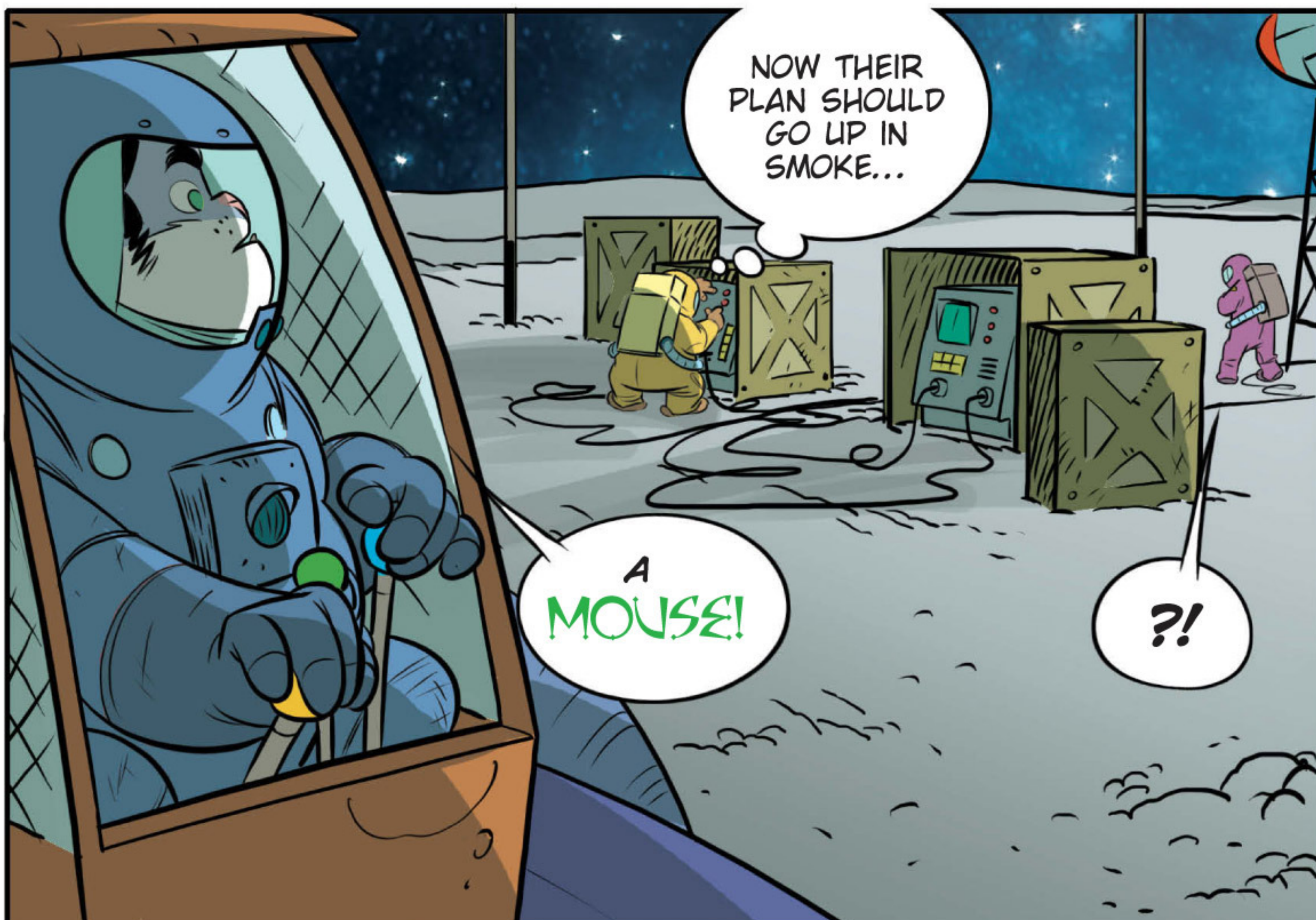
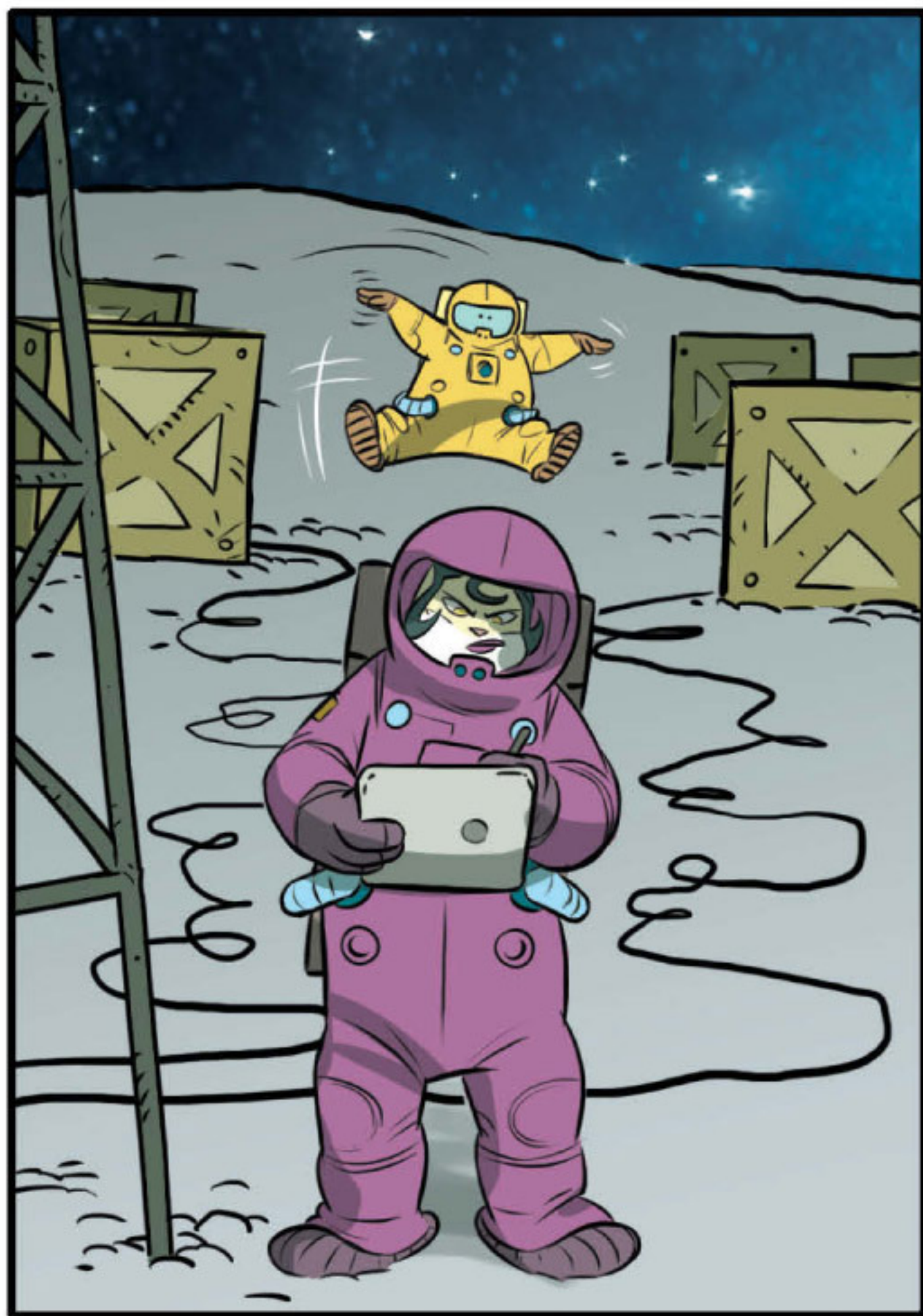
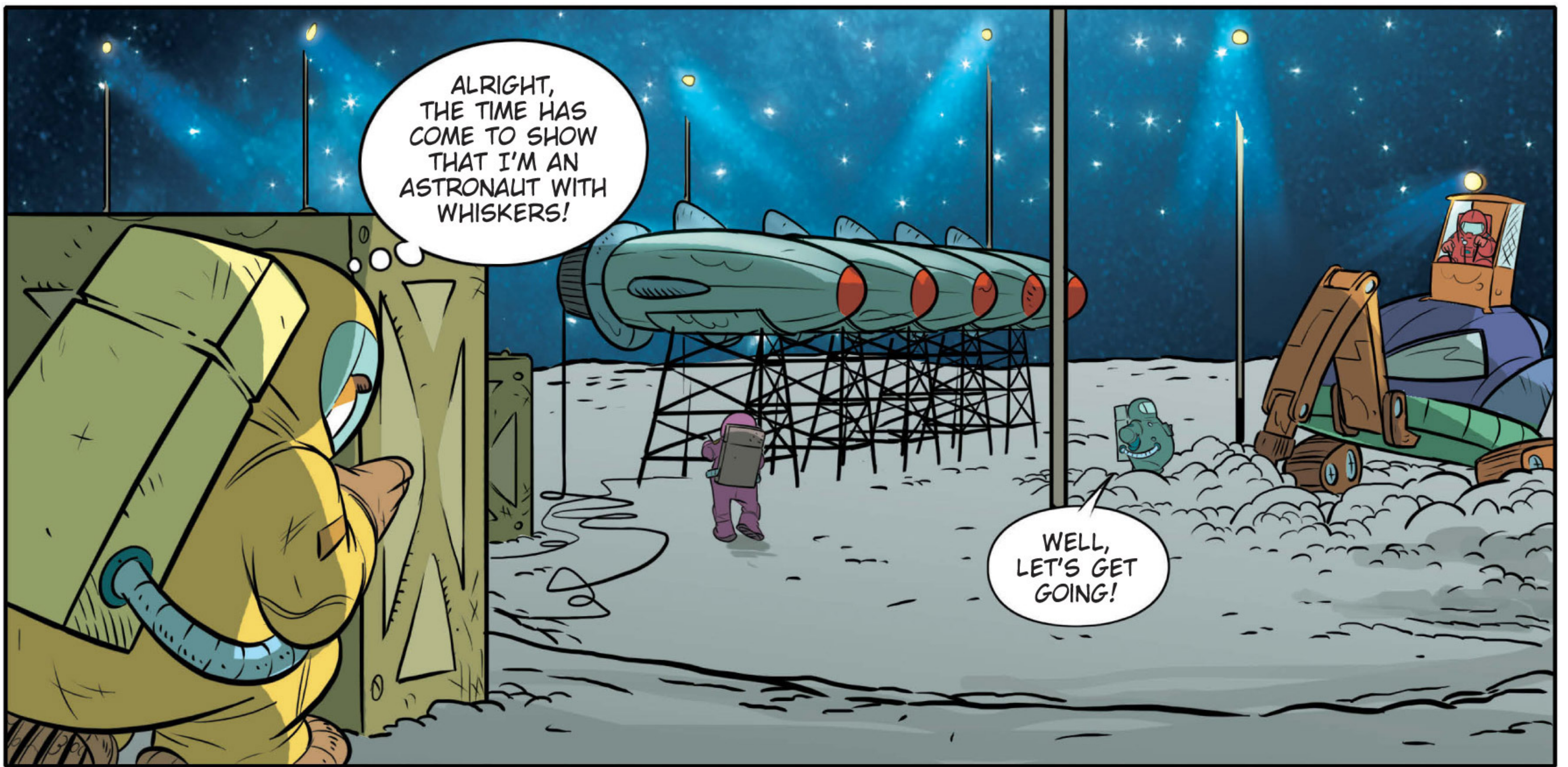


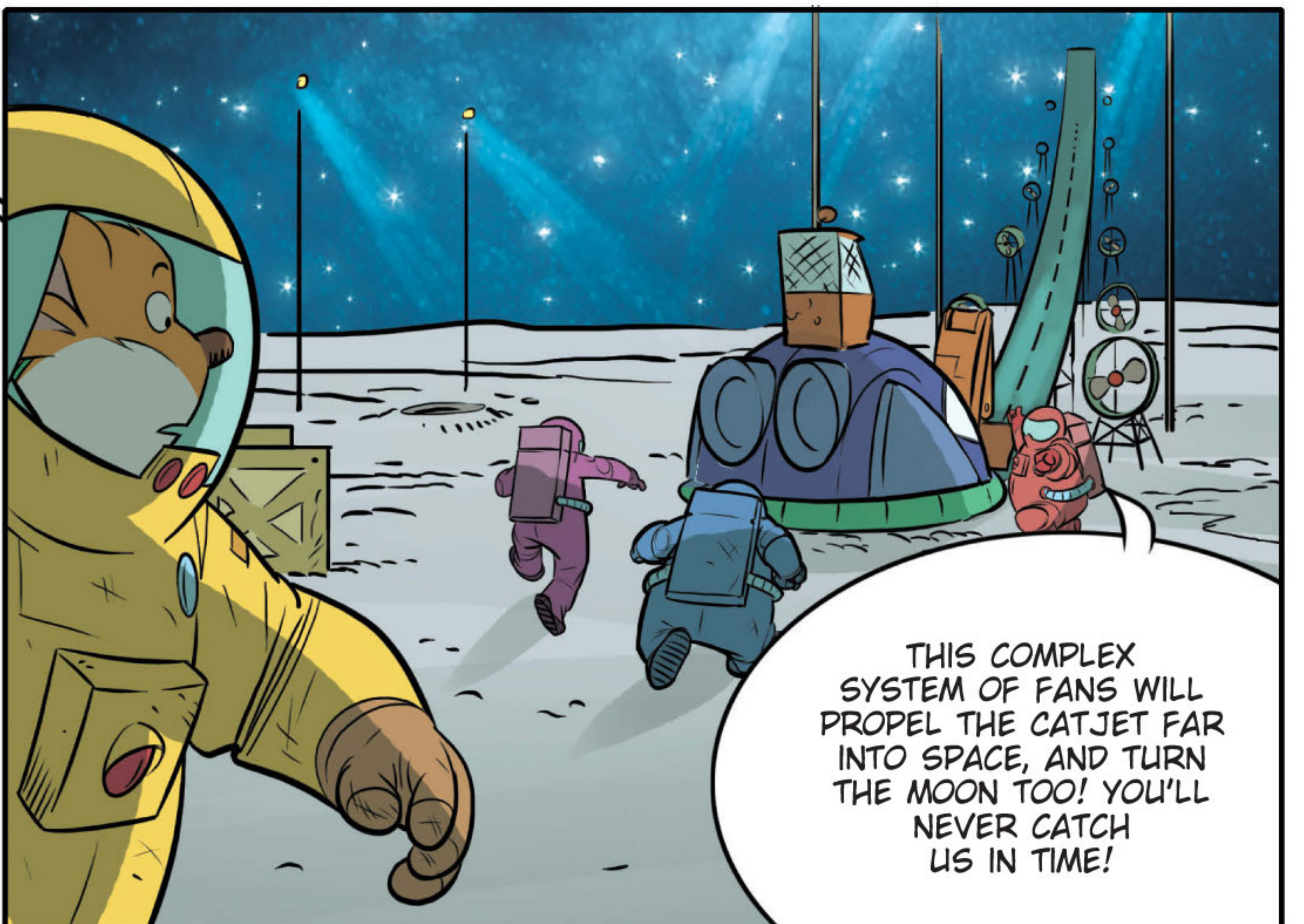
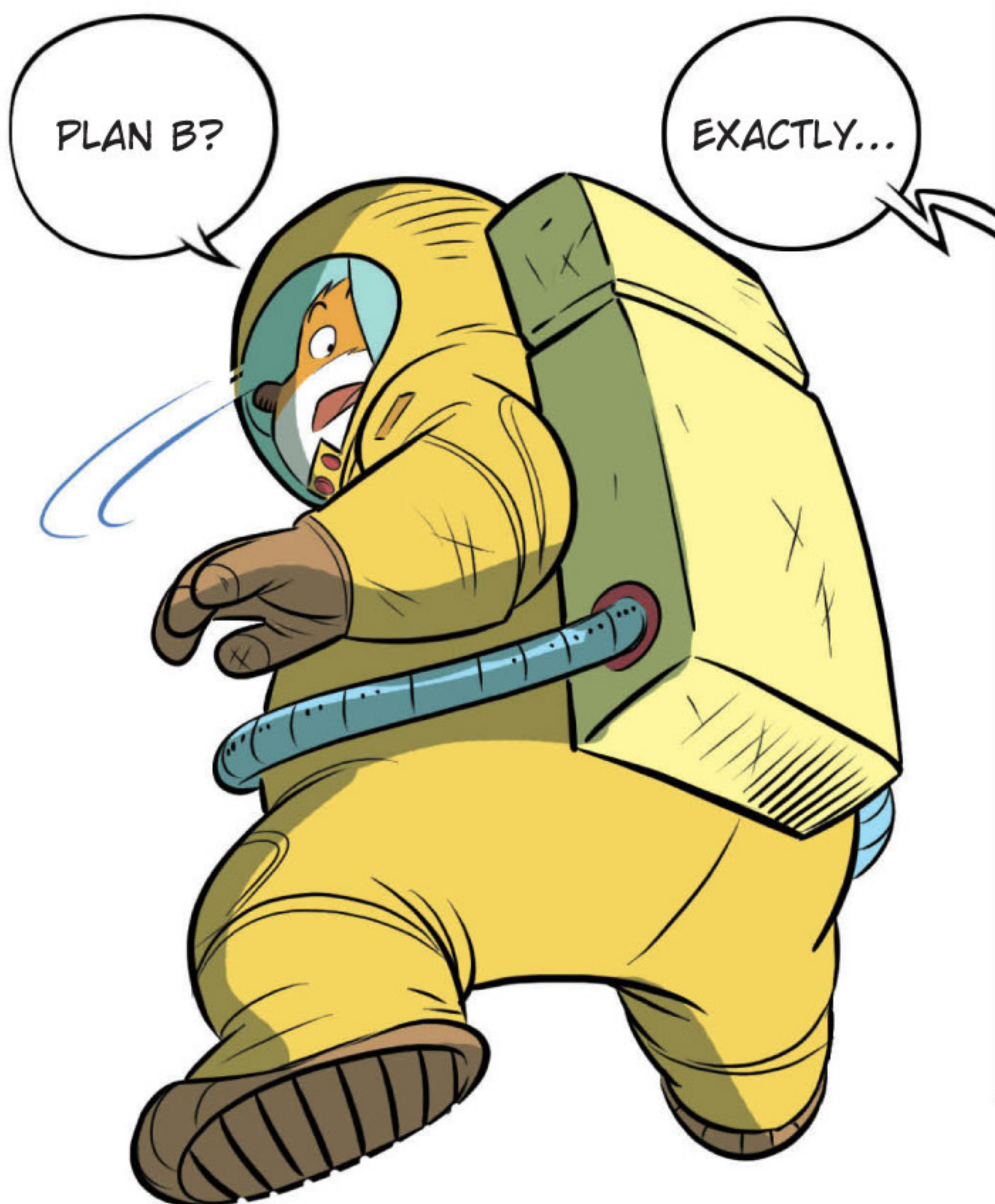
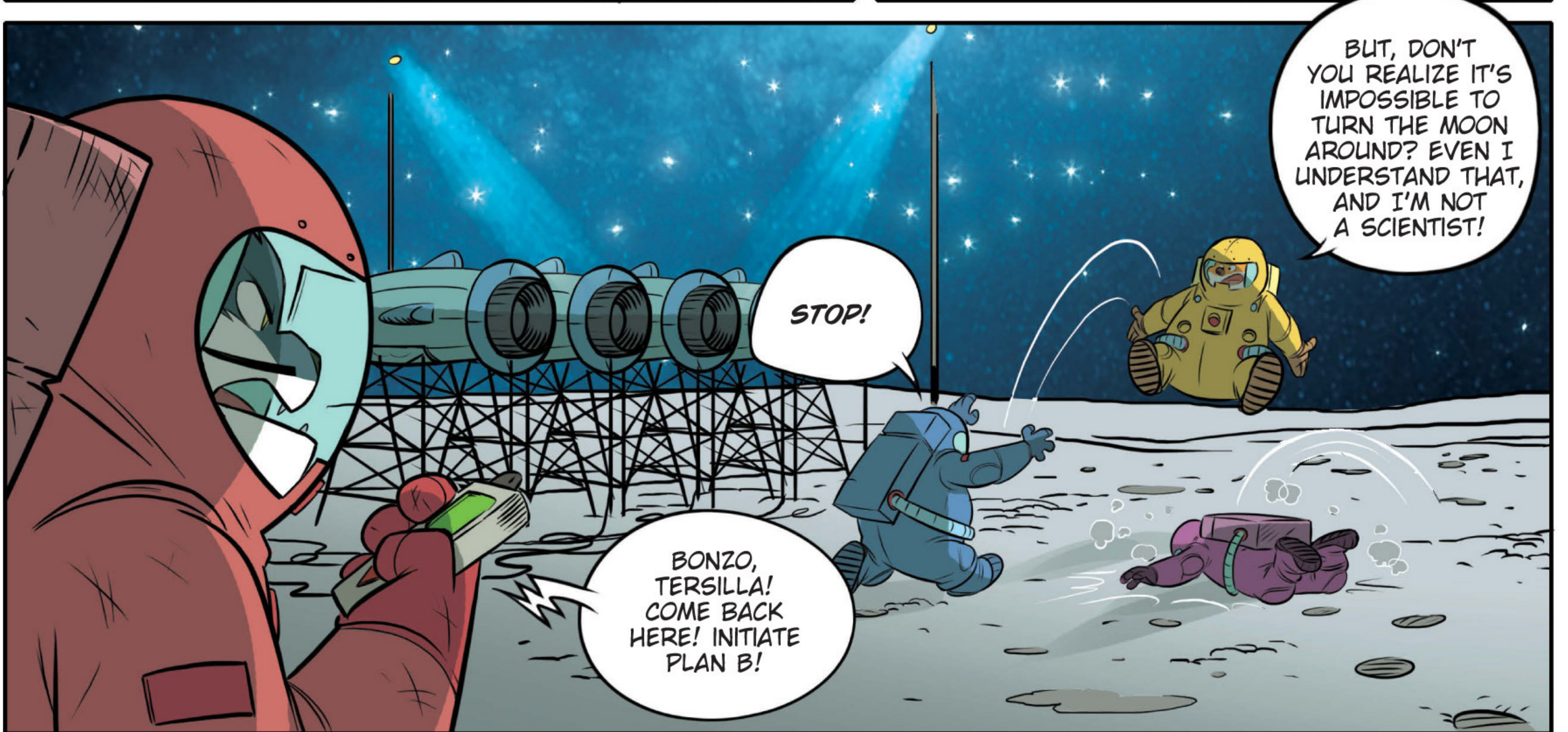
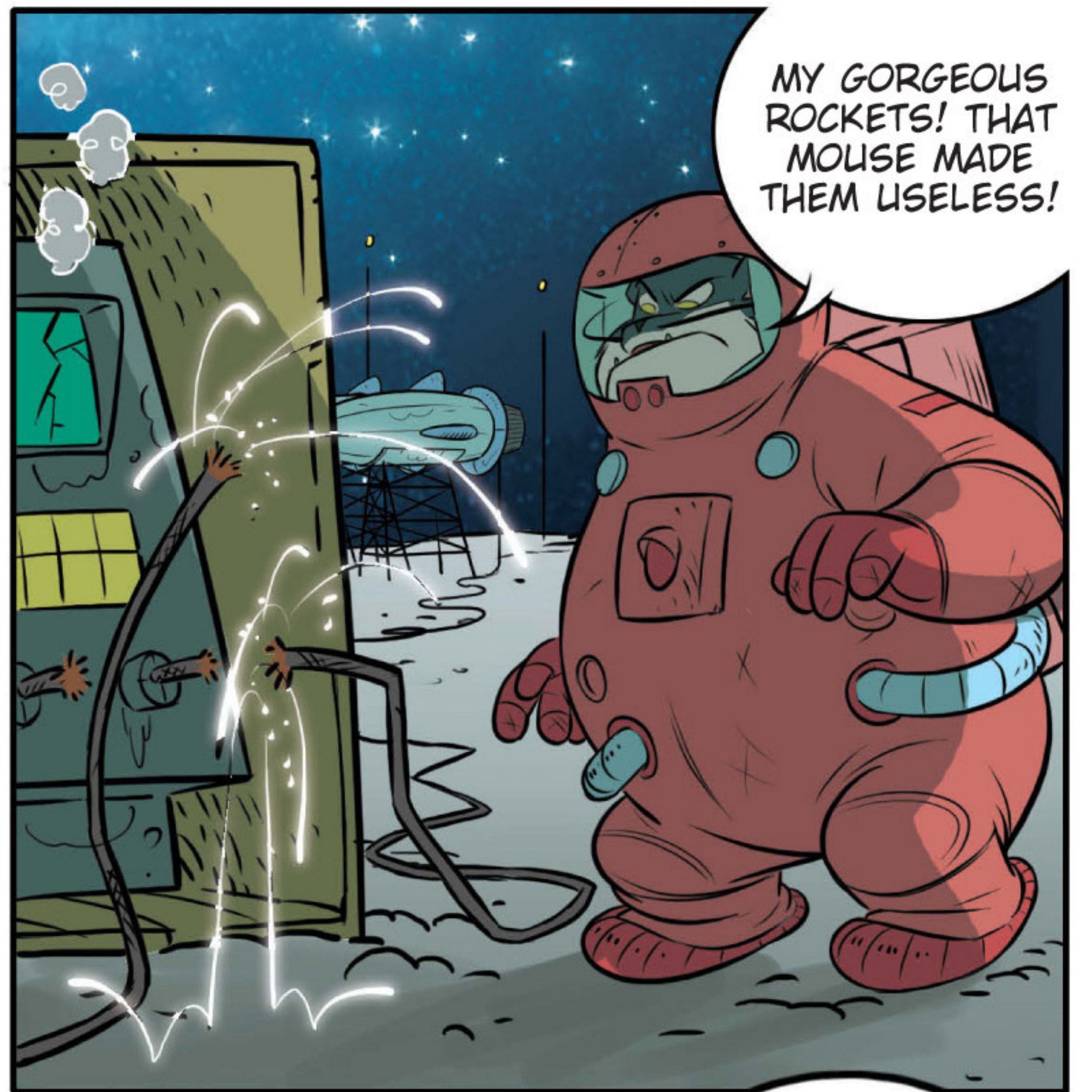


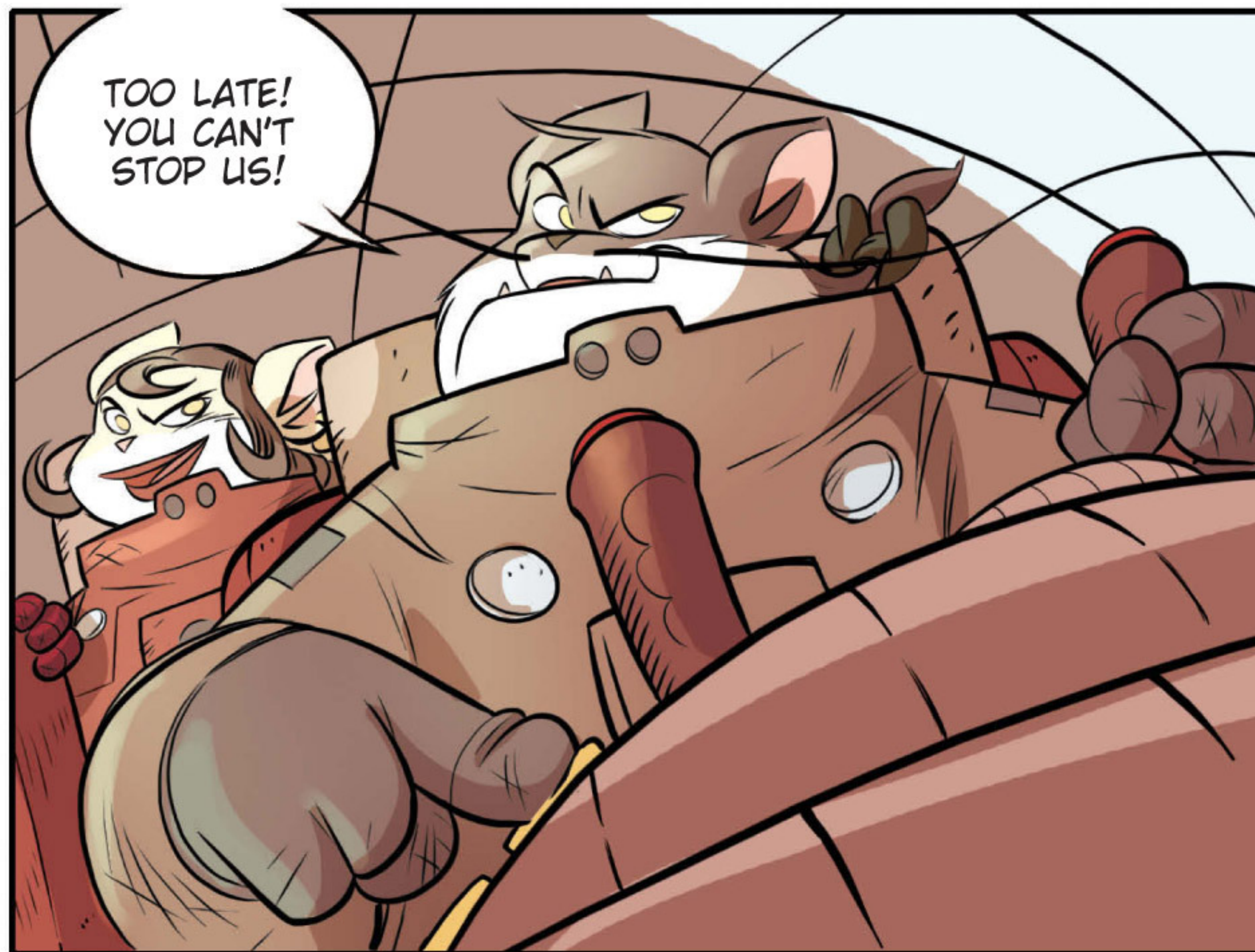


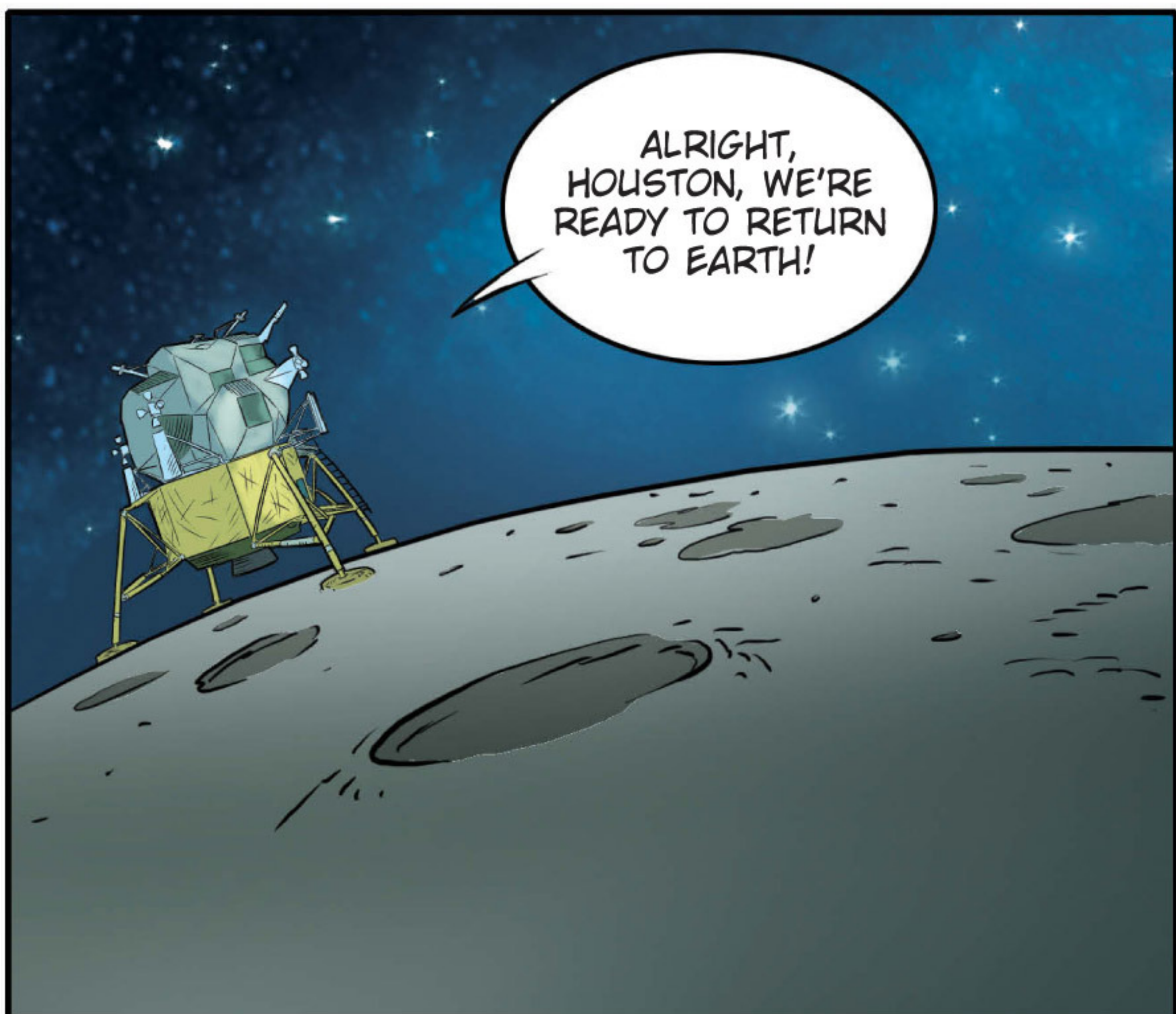
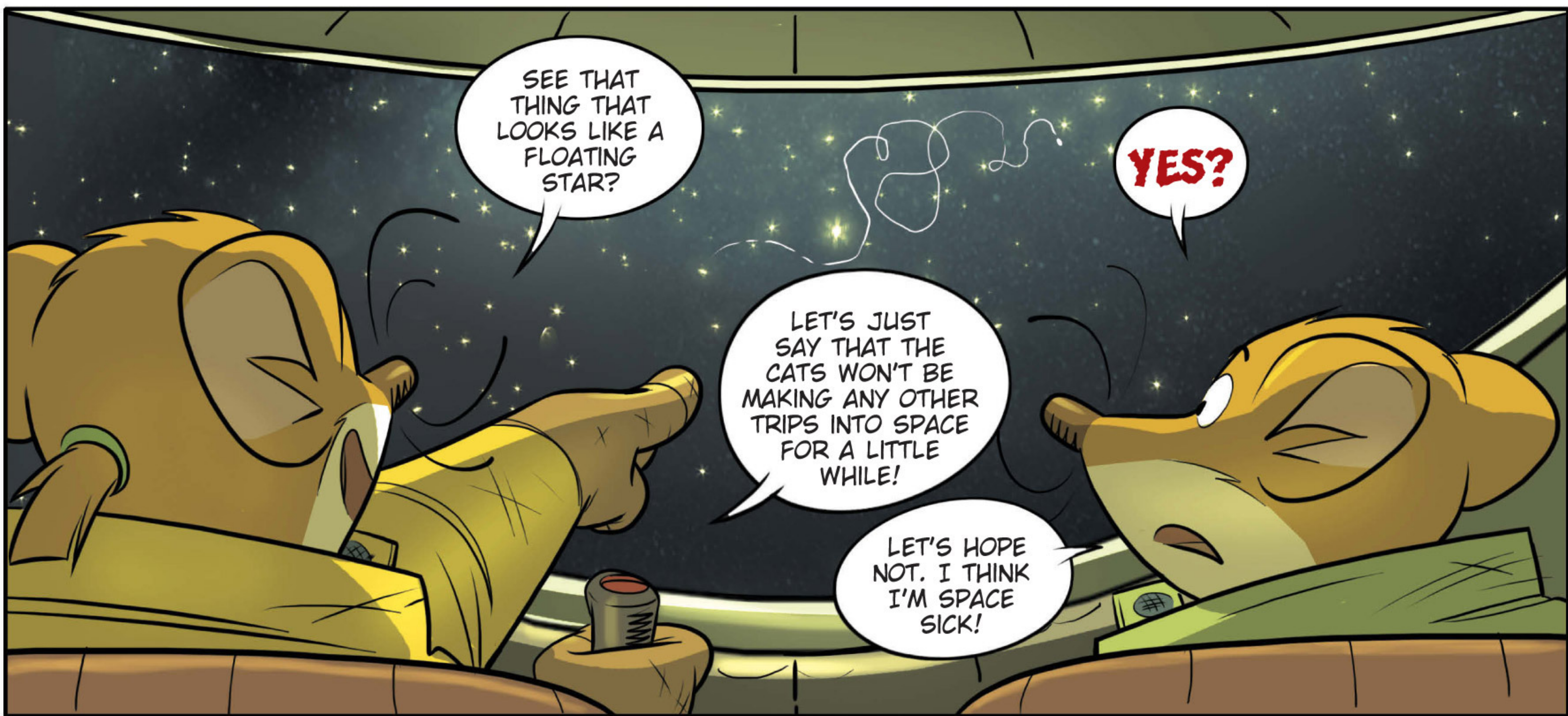
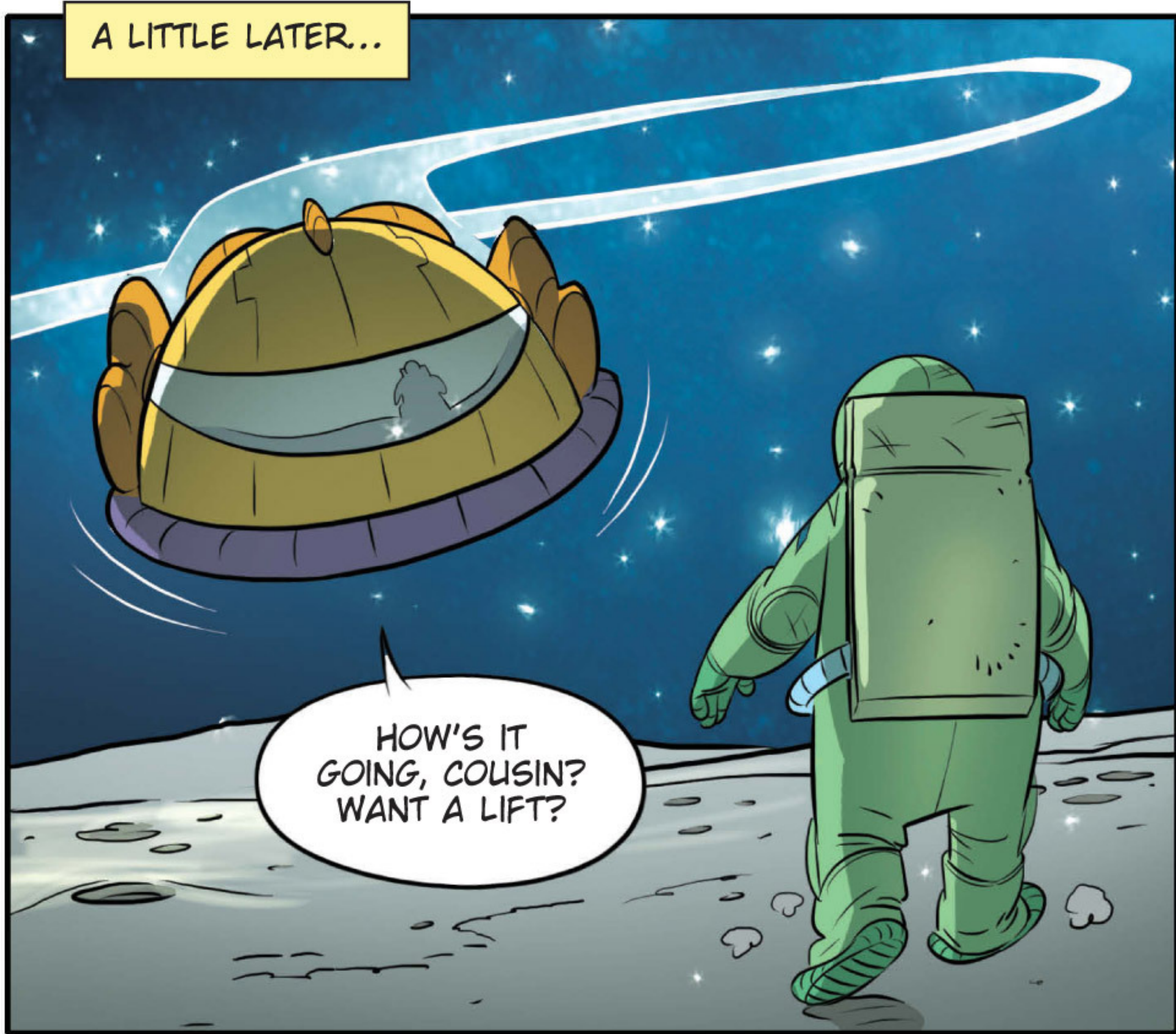


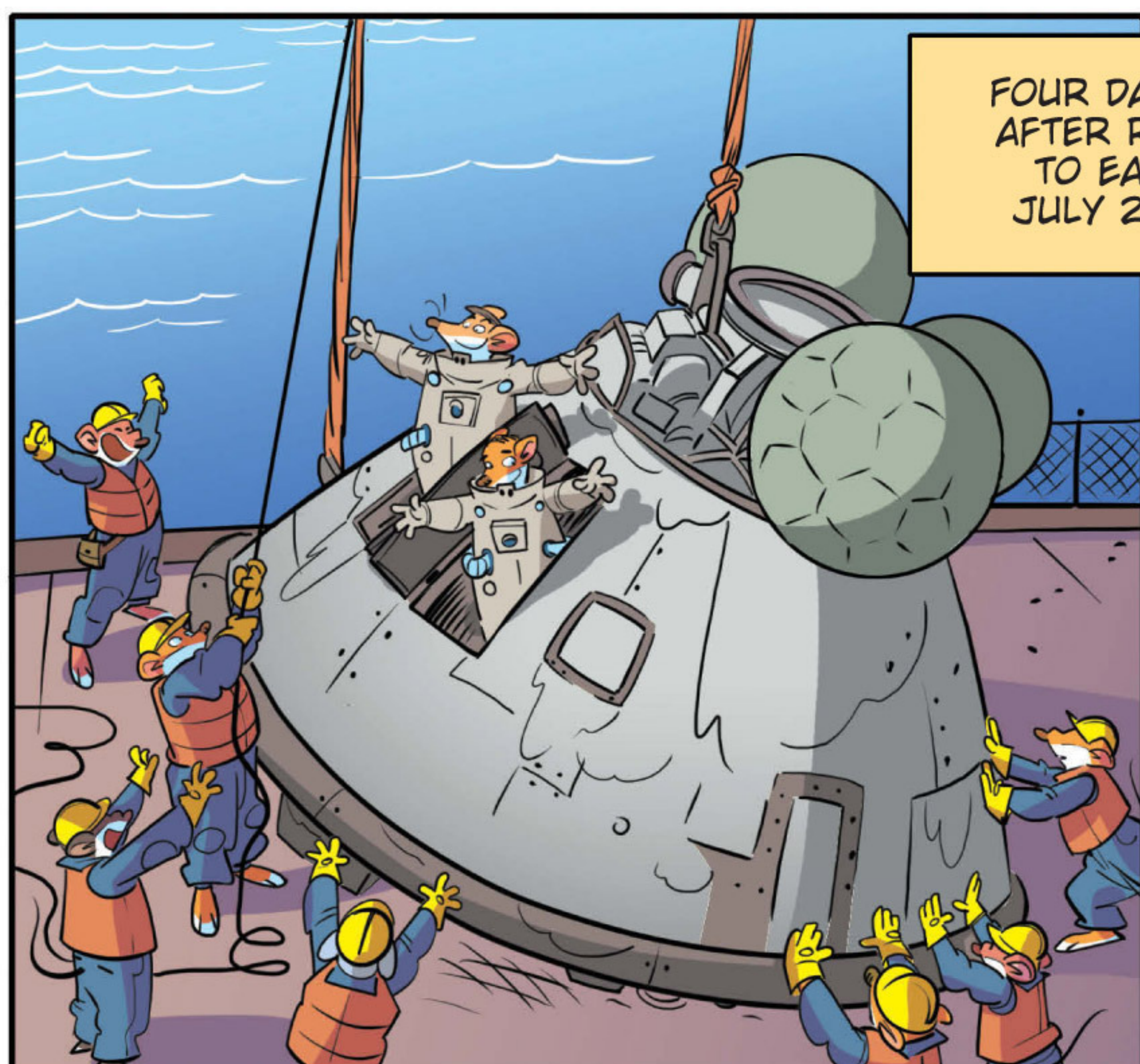
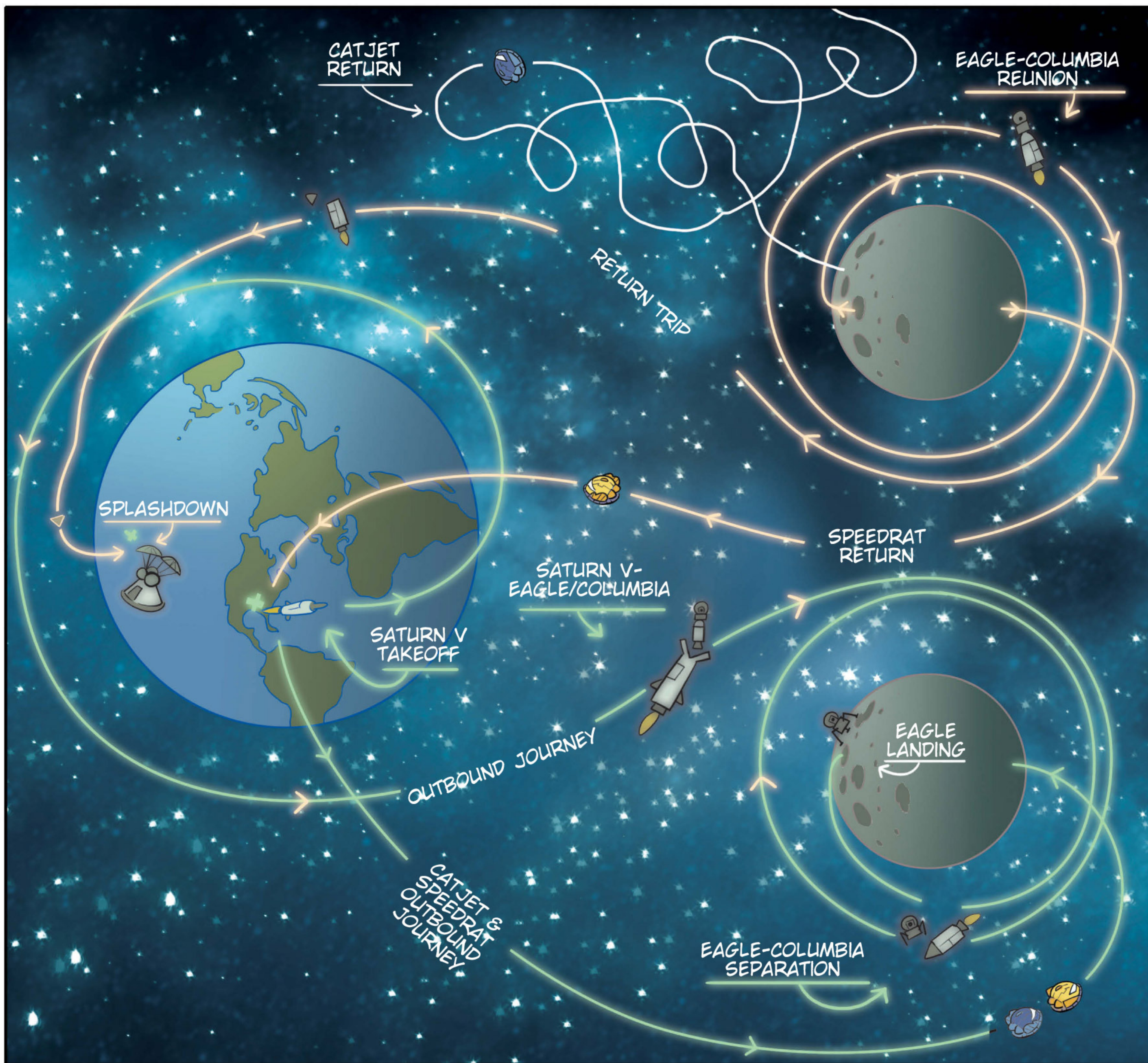




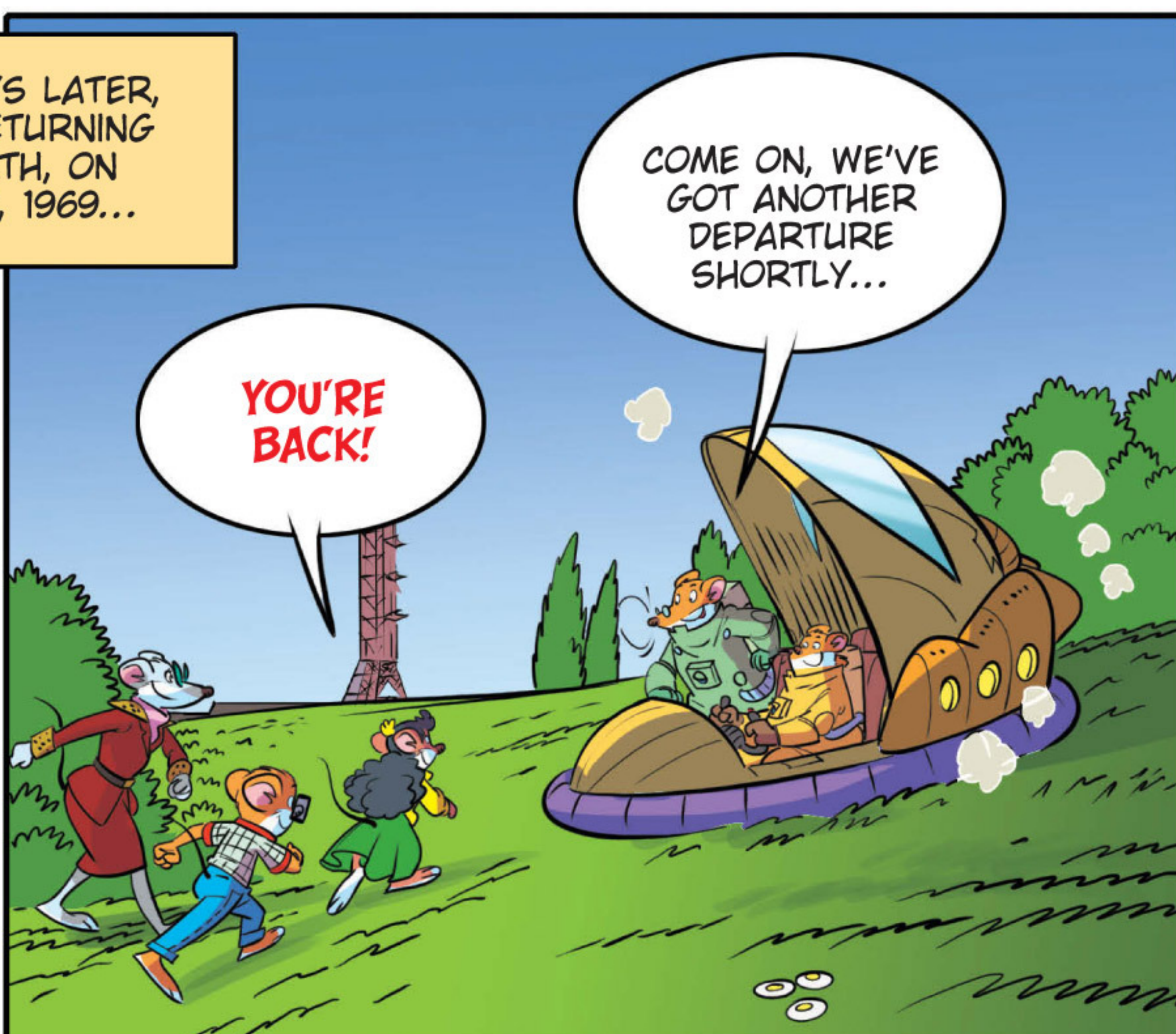






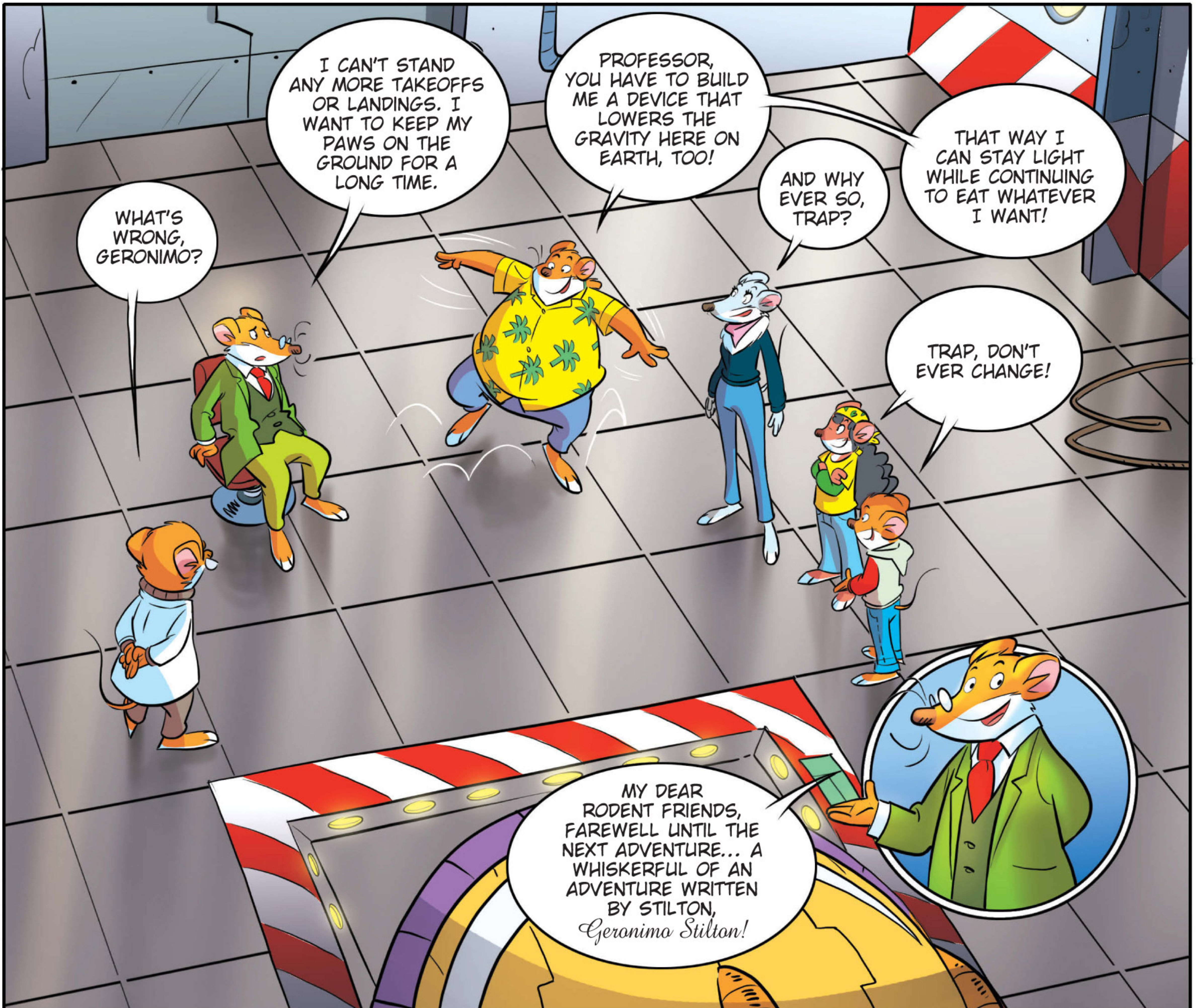


FOUR DAYS LATER,
AFTER RETURNING
TO EARTH, ON
JULY 24, 1969...



**YOU'RE
BACK!**

COME ON, WE'VE
GOT ANOTHER
DEPARTURE
SHORTLY...





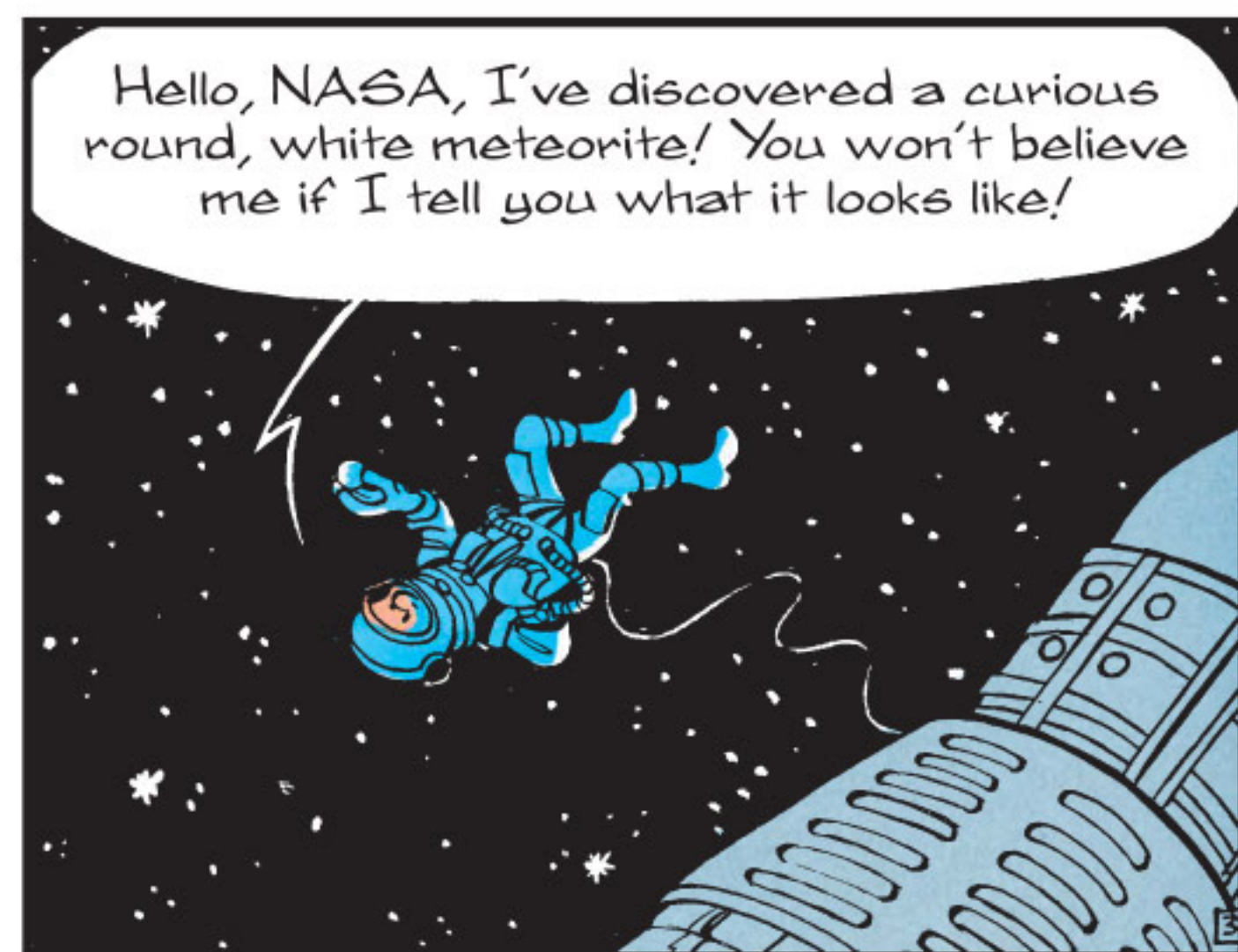
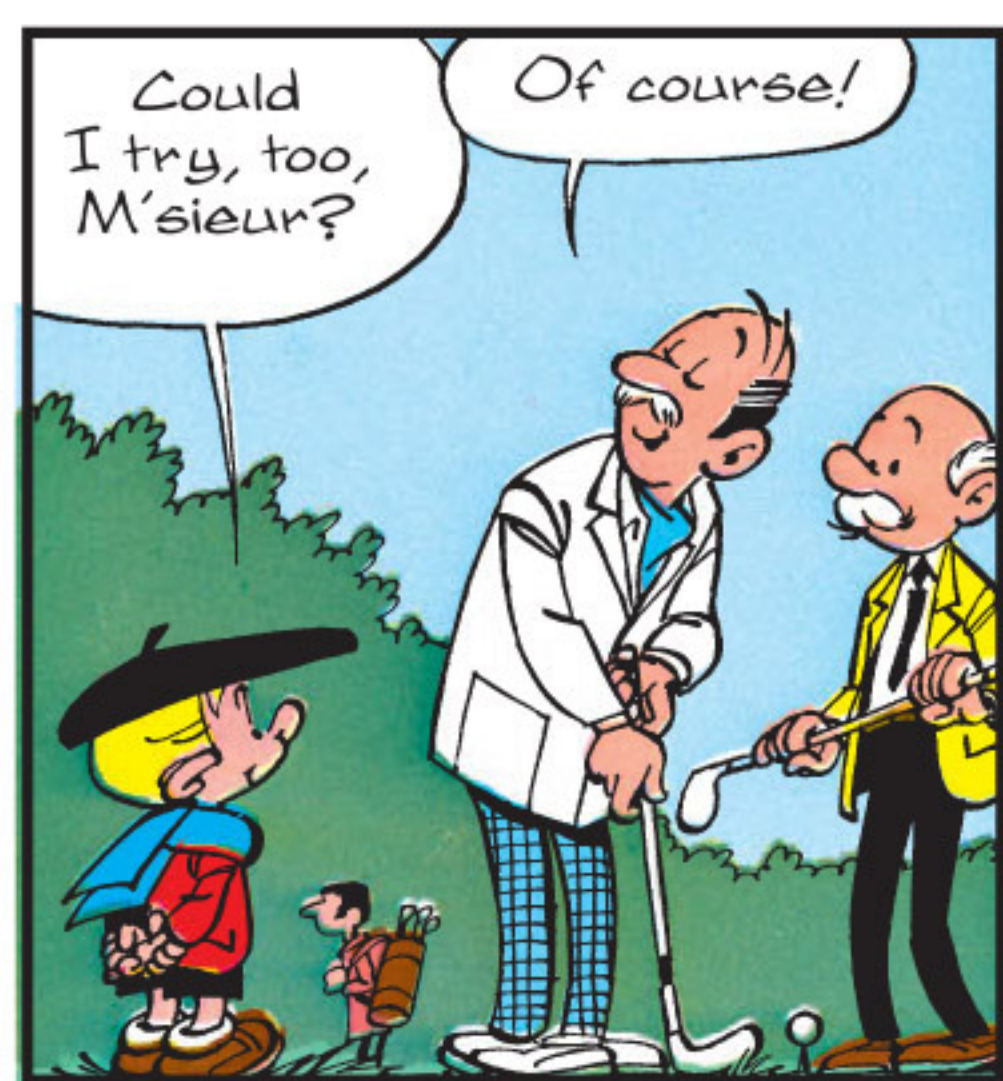
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Welcome to the far-out, fourteenth GERONIMO STILTON graphic novel from Papercutz, those gravity-bound folks dedicated to publishing great graphic novels for all ages. I'm Salicrup, *Jim Salicrup*, the Editor-in-Chief at Ground Control. And this is also the first GERONIMO STILTON graphic novel in which Geronimo travels back to a time when I was actually alive! I may have only been 12-years old, but I was back there, when on July 21, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the surface of the moon.

I was recently reminded while watching *The Wind Rises*, the wonderful animated film by Hayao Miyazaki, what a tremendous impact aviation had on my father's generation—"The Greatest Generation," as named by journalist Tom Brokaw. My dad, when he was young, dreamed of being a pilot (he never fulfilled that dream unfortunately). For my generation, "The Baby Boomers," we were captivated by Space-- "The Final Frontier." It was everywhere, when I was a kid! A couple of my favorite toys were a tiny model of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module and the Fireball XL5 rocket ship. On TV I loved watching shows such as *Star Trek* and *Lost in Space*. Even non-space shows seemed to have astronauts pop up in them—I remember an episode of *Gilligan's Island* that featured two Russian cosmonauts landing on their island by mistake. And on *I Dream of Jeannie*, the show was about an astronaut who stumbled upon a magical genie while walking along the beach. Just check out any cable network that runs these old TV shows or youtube and you'll see plenty of such shows featuring astronauts.

As for comics, astronauts were all over the place! Just look at the start of "The Marvel Age of Comics"—*The Fantastic Four* was about four humans determined to beat the Russians into space. Of course things got complicated when they flew into a "Cosmic Storm" which wound up giving them super-powers, but that's a whole 'nother story! In the pages of *The Amazing Spider-Man* #1, Spidey rescues the son of his constant critic, J. Jonah Jameson, who just happens to be—you guessed it!—an astronaut! But Spidey's luck was such that the astronaut was still considered a real hero, while Spidey was treated like either a threat or menace to society. BENNY BREAKIRON #3 "The Twelve Trials of Benny Breakiron," which stars the super-strong French boy created by Peyo, the creator of THE SMURFS, features the following short gag...

All I'm attempting to demonstrate is what a huge global impact the race to space had in the early 60s, permeating just about every aspect of pop culture. Almost every detail of "The First Mouse on the Moon" has countless prec-



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edents—*The Fantastic Four* did make it to the moon many times, and were even there when Neil Armstrong landed. The satirical super-hero the Tick's arch enemy Chairface Chippendale even tried to write his name on the moon—and even succeeded in getting the first 2¹/₂ ? letters carved in gigantic letters on the lunar surface. I could go on and, but I suspect you can probably think of more examples yourself!

We hope you love "The First Mouse on the Moon," and hope you'll be back for GERONIMO STILTON #15 "All for Stilton, Stilton for All!" Think you can guess what *that* will be about?

See you in the future!

Jim

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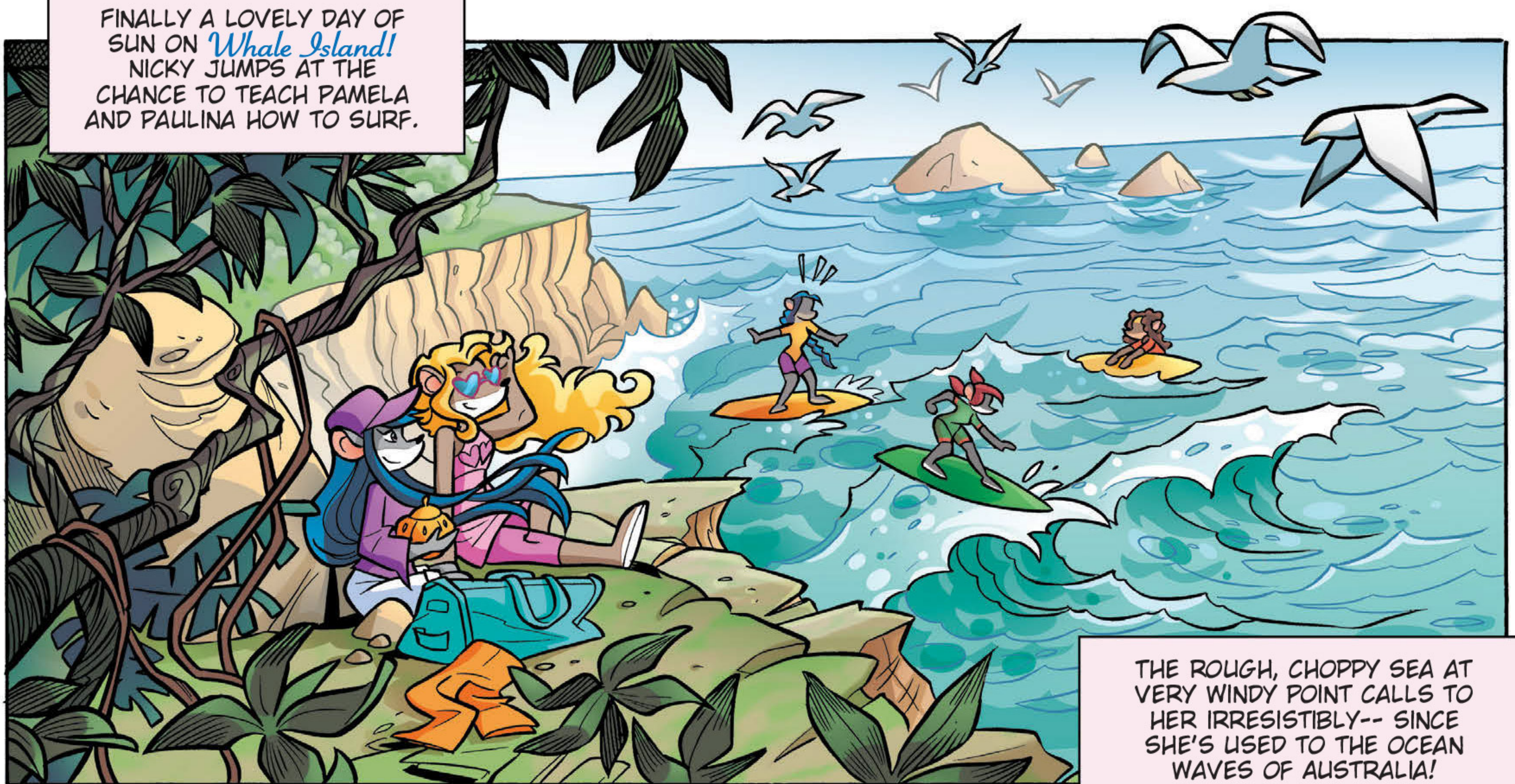
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THE ROUGH, CHOPPY SEA AT VERY WINDY POINT CALLS TO HER IRRESISTIBLY-- SINCE SHE'S USED TO THE OCEAN WAVES OF AUSTRALIA!

DON'T STIFFEN UP, PAM! LOOSE LEGS AND AN IRON WILL!



PULVERIZED PISTONS!

LOOK, VIOLET! PAM'S FACING HER FIRST WAVE!

HA! HA! HA! YOU LOOK LIKE A SEAL, PAM! HEE! HEE!

-SPLUT!-

EEH--
->GLUB!->



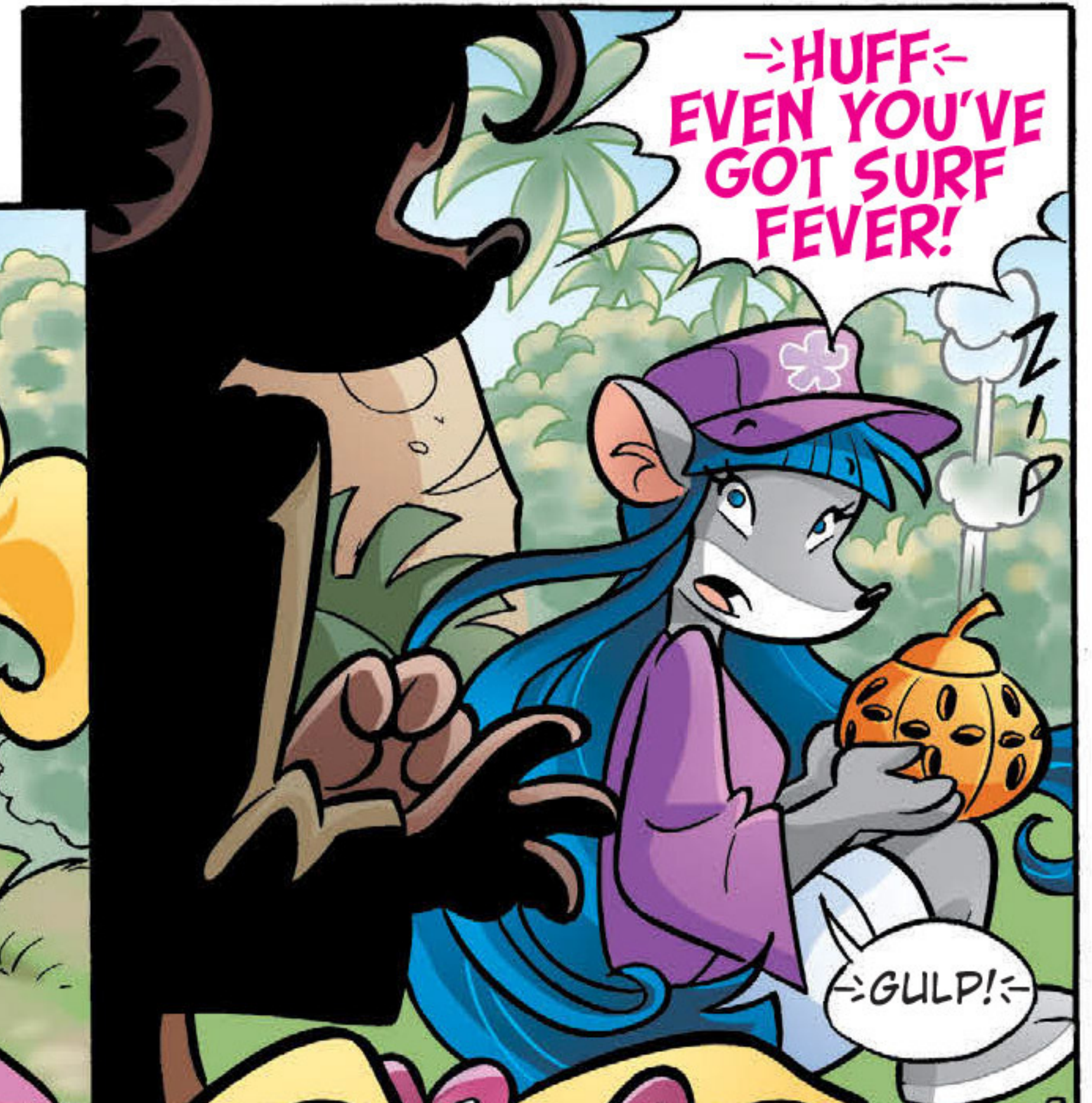
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CREE-
CREE-
CREE

HANG IN THERE,
PAM! YOU'VE GOT
A FUTURE--- -AH-
IN THE FUNNY PAGES!
HA! HA!



HUFF-
EVEN YOU'VE
GOT SURF
FEVER!

GULP!



MARY SQUID* HAS
SUDDENLY POPPED
OUT LIKE A FURY!

WHAT'LL
BECOME OF MY
BURROS, HEY?
WHERE'RE THEY GOING
TO FIND A LITTLE
PEACE FROM NOW ON?

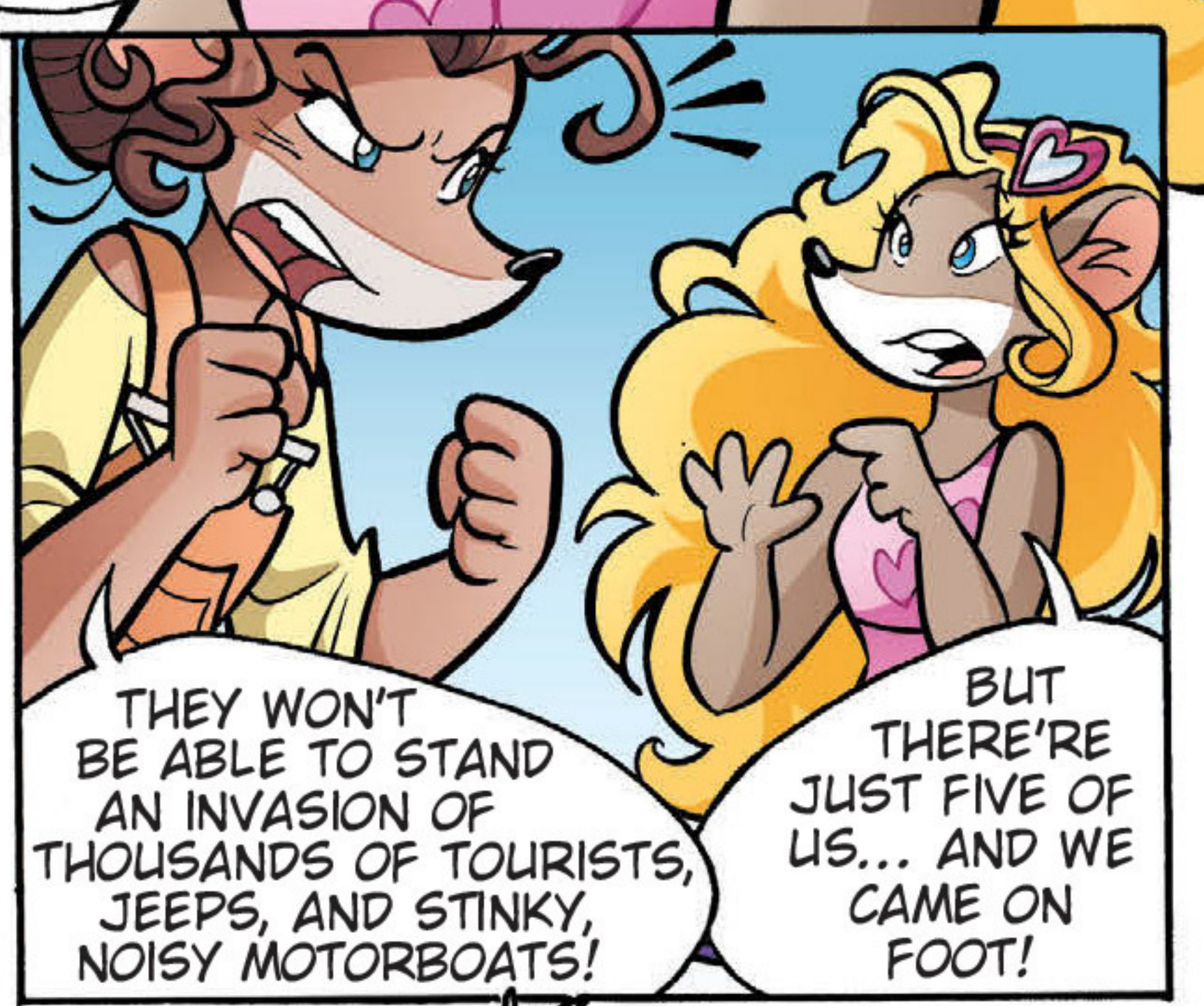
* ONE OF DINA'S SISTERS.
SHE RAISES BURROS
AND LIKES TO DANCE.



THEY'RE DELICATE,
GENTLE ANIMALS... NOISE
STRESSES THEM! THEY'RE
TIMID, SHRINKING
FLOWERS, REALLY!

I DIDN'T
THINK
WE WERE
SHOUTING
THAT
LOUDLY!

CALM DOWN, FRILLY!



THEY WON'T
BE ABLE TO STAND
AN INVASION OF
THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS,
JEEPS, AND STINKY,
NOISY MOTORBOATS!

BUT
THERE'RE
JUST FIVE OF
US... AND WE
CAME ON
FOOT!



YES, BUT HOW MANY OF YOU
WILL THERE BE WHEN THEY
BUILD THE SURF CENTER?
RUINING SUCH A BEAUTIFUL
BEACH FOR A SILLY
SPORT!

WHO WANTS TO BUILD
A SURF CENTER?

MARY HEARD ABOUT THE NEW CENTER FROM HER SISTER DINA. SO THE THEA SISTERS DECIDE TO GET THE EXPLANATION STRAIGHT FROM HER...

IT'S THE MAYOR'S INITIATIVE! HE WANTS TO COMPETE WITH VISSIA DE VISSEN AND HER SURF CLUB.

REALLY?!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THE MAYOR IS...

THEY JUST ELECTED HIM! IT'S ROMEO, VINCE GUYMOUSE'S COUSIN!

OH, THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT "CHEZ ROMEO!"

REALLY A NICE FUTURE!

ROMEO EXAGGERATES, BUT HE'S NOT BAD.

THE OLD CITY COUNCIL WAS AN OUTDATED INSTITUTION! THE ISLAND NEEDS A **MODERN** ADMINISTRATION!

BUT WHY ELECT HIM, PRECISELY?

ROMEO'S TRAVELLED THE WORLD! HE'S SEEN HOW THINGS WORK ELSEWHERE! AND NOW THAT HE'S BACK, HE WANTS TO "LAUNCH OUR ISLAND INTO THE FUTURE!"... OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS...

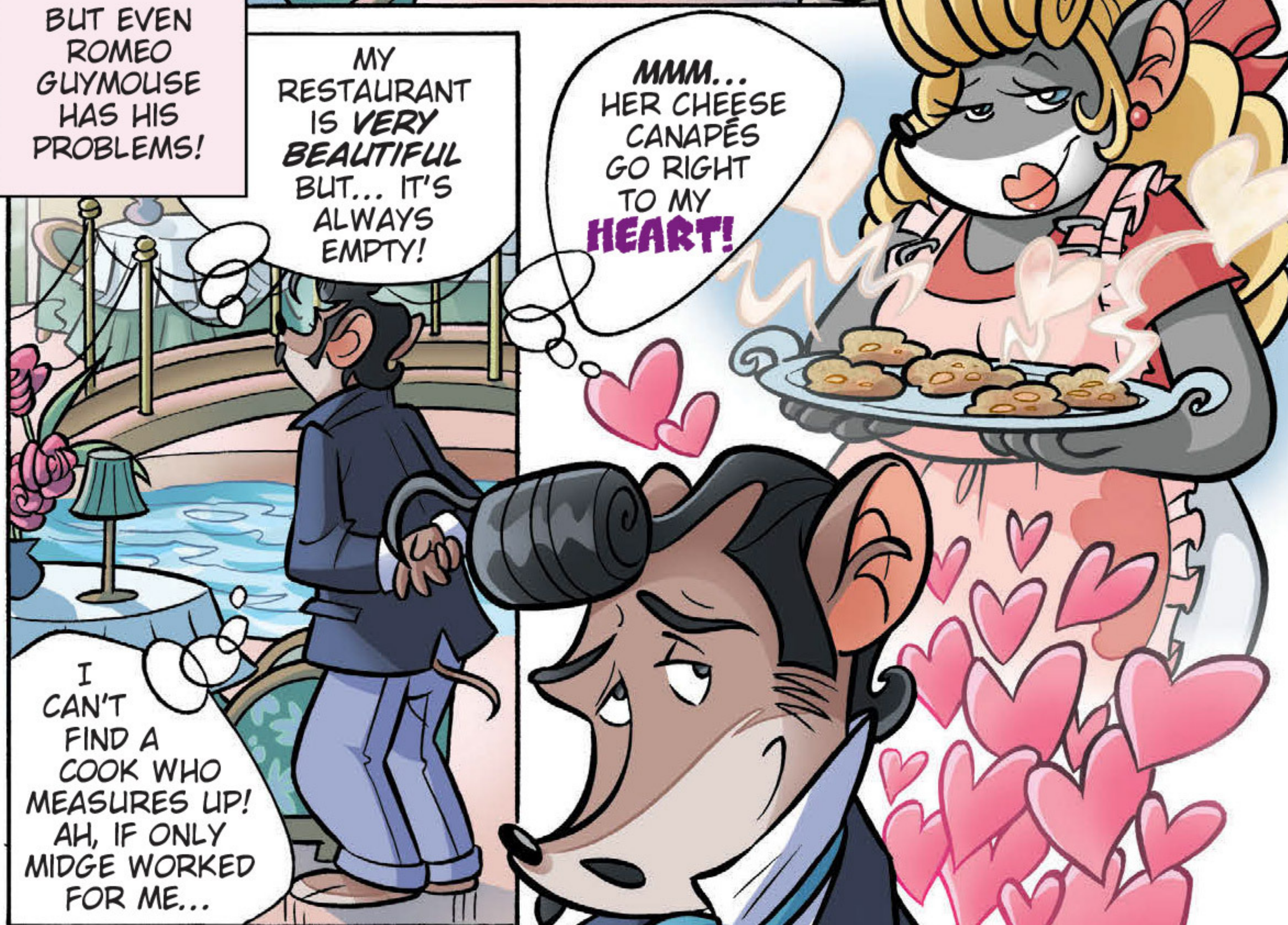
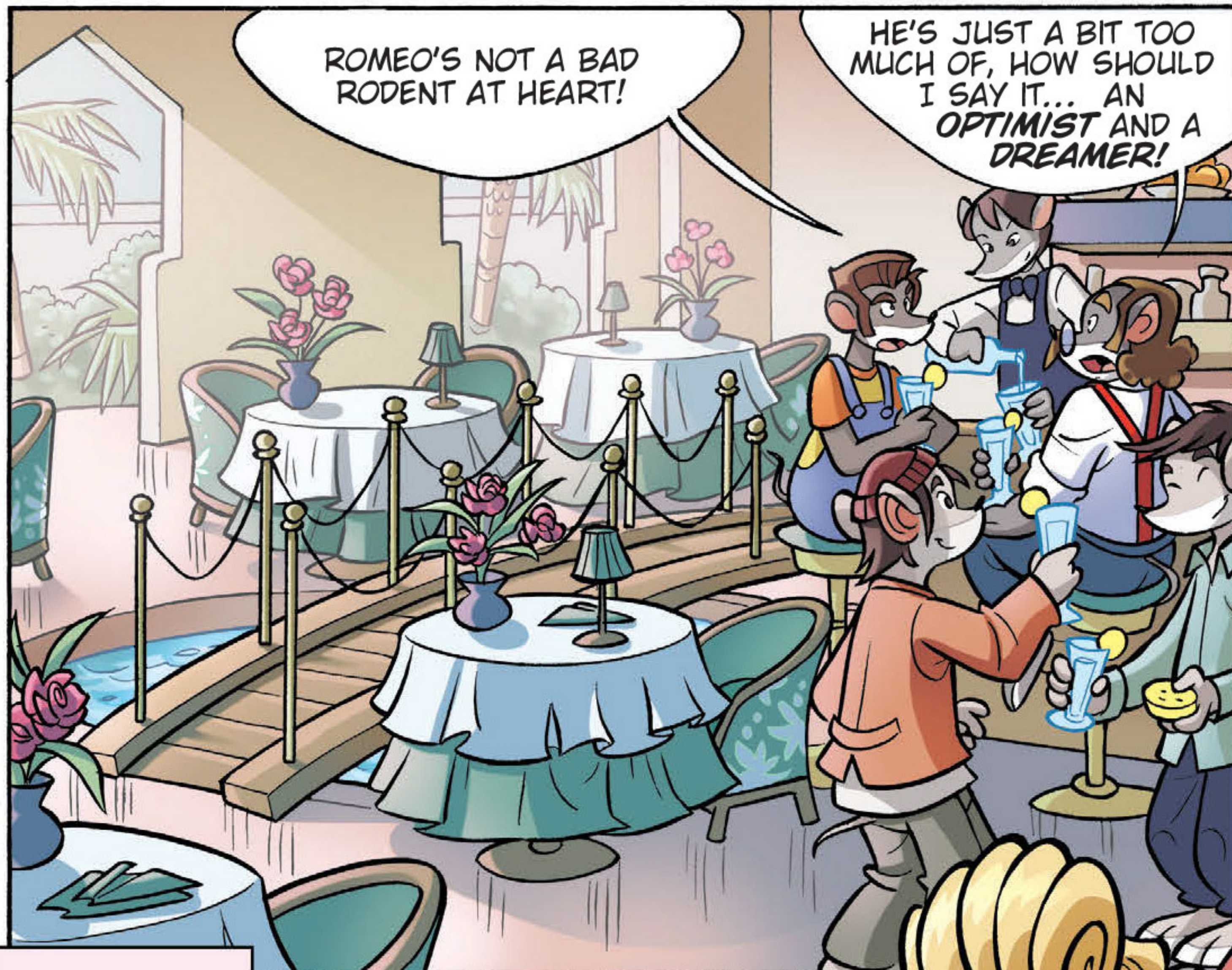
NO ONE ELSE WANTED TO TAKE ON THE JOB!

"ROMEO GUYMOUSE IS A MAYOR WITH LOTS OF IDEAS AND INITIATIVES!"

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